

8 September 2020

Dear Parent

As students return to school, we have collectively faced not just the dangers of Covid-19, but also the fear of Covid-19. Many people, including myself, have given a lot of thought to how it would all work and wondered what school would feel like once we did return. With any plan there are elements that we will address as they emerge, that being said, I am delighted that in general our systems appear to be operating very successfully, with students back in school, working and getting back to a sense of normality, or at least what normality looks like for the time being.

Over the coming weeks and months there will be adjustments to the plan. I will share anything of significance in the format below in the interests of transparency. In the initial weeks, I expect to make changes to streamline the plan, as our expertise develops in order to best support all our students. As the national picture develops, we will of course enact our exit strategy, to get school back to a more normal footing as is possible. However, for now 'thank you' all for your efforts and understanding, for what has been a mammoth task. I am immensely grateful to the whole school community for engaging with and supporting the process of re-opening safely.

Adjustments to the Covid-19 Plan

I am delighted to be in a position now that we have undertaken our first few days to adjust a couple of aspects of our plan:

- We are now in a position to accept students onto site before 8.30 am, however regrettably students will not yet be able to go inside the school buildings before form time at 8.55 am.
- Students from Wednesday will be able to make use of the afterschool provision of BSM (that we operated last year), provision is by pre-arrangement only, to undertake work while they are awaiting collection by parents. All other students should still leave site at the end of the school day.
- Thank you to everyone for your approach to the use of our catering facility. Now that we are operational and we know that our systems are working well, it is possible for us to accept an increased number of students to take advantage of our hot food facilities.

The latest **Covid-19 documents** can be viewed at the links below.

The **Y7 Flu Vaccine** will be administered through school on **Monday 12 October** as a nasal vaccination, we attach a letter requesting your consent.

Below are our COVID-19 documents:

- [Covid-19 Risk Assessment 2020 Student How to Guide.docx](#) last modified: 17 July 2020 15:50
- [Covid-19 Risk Assessment 2020 Student Map](#) last modified: 17 July 2020 11:32
- [Covid-19 Risk Assessment 2020](#) last modified: 17 July 2020 16:04



To ensure we hold the latest parental information, could we ask that you complete the attached **non-residential consent form**, returning to the school office as soon as possible.

Students aged 16 to 19 who are most in need will be eligible to receive a **Bursary** of up to £1,200 a year. This bursary will be administered and paid by Queen Elizabeth's Grammar, Alford, in three instalments of £400 at the end of October, February and April. This money can be spent on transport, school meals, books, school trips, school uniform and equipment. An application form is attached.

The **QEGS Anywhere App and our Intranet (<https://intranet.queenelizabeths.co.uk>)** is available to check on your child's progress. New parents will receive a letter later this week with login details to access these systems this week, if you are an existing parent there is a 'change child option' to view between children in the App. You can download QEGS Anywhere from the Apple App store or from the Google Play store. If you experience problems with mislaid logins or accessing these systems, please email Mr Johnson (Subject Leader for Computer Science) M.Johnson@queenelizabeths.co.uk who will be more than happy to assist you. We hope that you find these systems useful in supporting your child's progress at QEGS.

After our successful launch of **Microsoft Teams** during lockdown and our continued use, we are aware that some students are struggling with gaining access. We are addressing this in our computer science lessons, however the most common issue is using the wrong username format. The format is username@qegs.co.uk. An example would be 20yu01@qegs.co.uk.

ParentPay login details will be emailed out this week to new parents. Please note our online uniform shop is accessed via a separate link: <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=383>

We attach a copy of our **GDPR policy** for your perusal, this can be found on the school website under information, school policies. We request Photographic consent for use in school, a consent link can be located from the intranet under GDPR.

- Our **Summer Art Exhibition** can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1ZnJ-SB76A>
- An order for **School Sports Fleece Jackets** will be made by Wednesday 9 September. *Samples are available in the school office by appointment and orders can be placed via our online uniform shop.*

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