



QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL

25th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and beginning to adjust to the new measures which have now been put in place for us all.

Our students have made an excellent start this week to their on-line learning – I am hoping that this is how it feels from home too, although I am sure that it has not been without some complexities. Thank you for getting in touch as needed and I would just encourage you to keep doing so going forwards, this is a learning curve for us all and there will be shifts and changes as we move forwards and confidence grows with the technology. We have purposefully tried to keep structure to the school day so that this helps to keep an element of routine for everyone, please don't worry too much if there needs to be a little flexibility around this at home, I know for example, that the Jo Wicks PE lesson at 9am every morning is proving to be a popular option!

The government has produced further guidelines today in relation to social distancing and I thought it might be helpful if I shared the link with you, should you wish to have a read.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Free School Meal Update

For parents/carers with children who have Free School Meals, you will receive either a text message or an e-mail from either the school or a company called Wonde over the next few hours (Please check your junk e-mail as well just in case you can't find it). Please respond to the communication as soon as possible so that you can select which supermarket you would like to receive vouchers for and then hopefully receive your first voucher before the end of the week.

The minibus will continue to will to provide packed lunches on Thursday and Friday from the following locations:

QPHS Main Reception – Between 11:30am and 12:30pm

Lache Primary School Car Park (Collection from Minibus) – between 11:30am and 11:50am

Blacon Parade Stores Car Park (Collection from Minibus) – between 12:05pm and 12:20pm

If you have any queries regarding free school meal vouchers please email enquiries@qphs.co.uk

Warning - Scam around Free School Meals

Unfortunately, we believe that within the local authority, some parents and carers of children in receipt of free school meals have been targeted by fraudsters, emailing with messages such as 'If your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding while the school is closed'. The email contains links for you to follow if you want to receive this funding – these links are fake. This is a scam, so please be careful – only respond to the information which we have provided in our update above.

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Interim assessments

We hope to make your child's interim assessment for the Spring Term available to you through Edulink by the end of the week. This will give you an overview of their progress this term across all their subjects.

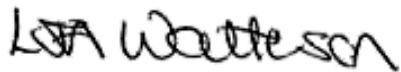
Parents of Year 11 and Year 13 students

Apologies, I did say that I would provide you with a further update in relation to the arrangements for the grading of the GCSE and A Level exams this summer. We are still awaiting some concrete information on this which will add any real clarity other than knowing that predicted grades, moderated assessment, mock grades and KS2 data will all potentially play a part. We should know more early next week at which point I will write to you independently and hopefully be able to provide some further reassurance.

I think that's all the updates for now – please look out for our end of term newsletter next week which should provide some uplifting reading to end the term!

Take care everyone and look after yourselves.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LW Watterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Miss Lyndsay Watterson
Headteacher