



# QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

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## Purple Post

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### Principal's Message

*We want our school to be a place where we are safe: to learn, have fun and work hard. A place where we are kind and mindful of everyone and have positive attitudes for our bright futures.*

*Thank you so much for all your support in what has been the most strange end of term in memory. We have missed many opportunities to celebrate pupils' achievements, particularly in congratulating our wonderful Year 6 on finishing their primary education. Be assured that we've used tech to create video messages in order to mark this special occasion in a variety of ways.*

*At the current time we are planning carefully and following the Government guidance along with the Trust Operating Procedures in order to re-open to all pupils on Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>. I will write to you during the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August with important information about staggered start times, entrances to school, lunches and how we will run the school day.*

*Please check the website for details about uniform changes as well as more information about our cashless system, ParentPay.*

*I share your frustration that I am not yet able to give you comprehensive information about the start to the new term but please do be aware that we are working on this and will send you information as we are able to. Take care and have a wonderful summer.*  
*Liz Latham*

**As a school we are following Government guidelines to stay safe.** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

Everyone at Queensmead would like to wish our wonderful Year 6 leavers all the best as they go on to their secondary education.

You have been a credit to your families and to our school and I know that you will make us all very proud of you as you go on to succeed at your next schools. Well done for all your achievements at Queensmead. We are very much hoping that you come back to visit and say goodbye in person at the start of next term. Good Luck- we'll miss you all!

## Message from Boris Johnson

On Friday 10 July at 10am, the Prime Minister will be giving an address to all school leavers which will be broadcast on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)- please click these links to hear his message.

## Start of the Autumn Term

The City Council have announced a change to the published term dates. Queensmead will open to pupils on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020**. This is in order to make the necessary arrangements to ensure the Academy is safe, ready and prepared for the increase in pupils and staff.

## Meet your new teacher!

In normal circumstances, before we broke up, pupils would have had the opportunity to spend a day with their new class teacher, in their new classroom. As we can't do this, we have provided an opportunity for pupils to meet their new teacher 'virtually' via a Flipgrid recording. Teachers will introduce themselves and talk a little about the exciting and fun things they have planned for when we return on September 1<sup>st</sup>. See the messages here:

<http://www.flipgrid.com/qpatransition>

## Cashless System – ParentPay

You may remember that we were going to launch our cashless system to enable you to pay for school dinners, trips and aftercare online through the secure portal ParentPay. We will be launching this when we return in September and will send you details on how to

access this during the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August. It is essential that you sign up as soon as you receive details – as of August 24<sup>th</sup> we will be unable to accept any cash payments due to the Operating Procedures around Covid-19.

## Need a bit of help?...

You may be experiencing financial difficulties. You may have been made redundant, lost your source of income or just need a bit of additional support at this difficult time. Practical help is available. Fareshare have announced that thanks to donations of £10,000 from the Central England Co-op, £23,000 from The Vichai Fund and additional funding from Feeding Britain and Brakes Foundation, they will provide 66,000 meals to children and young people over the Summer Holidays.

Leicester City Adventure Playgrounds will be distributing free food available to anyone in need, regardless of whether they have previously used an adventure playground or not. The food will be in the form of 'Grab' Bags, daily either to consume on the premises or take away. In addition, food parcels - enough for 3 days provision - will be available weekly. Activity packs provided by the Arts Council will also be available.

Contact details/ more information here

Braunstone Adventure Playground 8 Cort Crescent Leicester LE3 1QZ 0116 2919700 [thevench@btconnect.com](mailto:thevench@btconnect.com).

## Final TTRS Battle of the Bands Results 2019-20!!

<input type="checkbox"/>	Home	Away	Start	End
<input type="checkbox"/>	Louis Sachar 6,171 69,282	🏆 Neil Gaiman 22 Jun 20, 09:00	06 Jul 20, 17:00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	JK Rowling 7,748 10,501	🏆 SF Said 22 Jun 20, 09:00	06 Jul 20, 17:00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Walliams 2,316 4,671	🏆 Shaun Tan 22 Jun 20, 09:00	06 Jul 20, 17:00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	🏆 Roald Dahl 5,579 2,063	Roger Hargreaves 22 Jun 20, 09:00	06 Jul 20, 17:00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oliver Jeffers 13,284 16,184	🏆 Valerie Thomas 22 Jun 20, 09:00	06 Jul 20, 17:00	

Well done to all of you who took part and worked so hard for your classes. No battle over the summer but do please

still log on to keep your times tables skills sharp!

## Over the summer break

Teachers will not be setting tasks on Purple Mash so why not get involved in some fun learning and activities from the following organisations:

**Spark Arts** <https://thesparkarts.co.uk/clt-bitesize>

**RSPB** <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/>

**Red Cross** <https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teaching-resources/summer-of-kindness-calendar>

Leicester City Council are also providing a comprehensive list of external providers for childcare over the summer holidays- this is updated on a regular basis- if you are interested in finding out more information regarding provision across the city, please click this link:

<https://families.leicester.gov.uk/summer-holiday-care>

## Lockdown update:

Chief Constable Simon Cole has recorded a video message for us to share with you about the local lockdown. The video highlights the work with Public Health and surrounding councils and encourages everyone to follow the public health messages - stay at home, stay safe and only travel if essential. Please watch this for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plfAP9F-qYs>

## NHS Thanks!

Rebecca Brown, Acting Chief Executive for the University Hospitals of Leicester (NHS Trust) would like to thank all school staff, children and their families for the support shown to the NHS over the last few months. She says: "The NHS has been overwhelmed by the colourful pictures, cards, letters and claps! It has given us the strength to work through some very challenging times. Thank you for taking the time to think of us, it means the world."

[View the letter to your school here \[pdf file\]](#)

Did you see your message from some of the staff at Queensmead? If you haven't seen it yet, it's definitely worth a look:

[www.queensmeadacademy.org/messageforyou](http://www.queensmeadacademy.org/messageforyou)

If you know of a family who do not receive newsletters it may be because we don't have their correct email address – please encourage them to get in touch to update us with this vital information. Many thanks.