



# 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.**

A huge thank you for all your patience and support as we are now all getting used to the new ways of working - I do appreciate that the new systems can sometimes seem strange but it's crucial to follow them to make sure that we can keep your children and families and all the staff safe.

Drop off/ collection is becoming quicker by the day - we are managing to get all pupils off site at the end of the day in less than 15 minutes. For drop-off in the mornings please remember that the gates on Winstanley Drive are open and the queue is always much shorter.

We really appreciate you helping us to keep your children safe (and our school open!) by wearing a face mask / keeping 2m distance from other families in the queue. The new Government guidance of 'Hands, Face, Space' is vital to adhere to if we are going to reduce the number of cases of Covid 19. You will be aware that many schools across Leicester City are reporting positive cases and closing to groups of pupils- together we can hopefully avoid this at Queensmead.

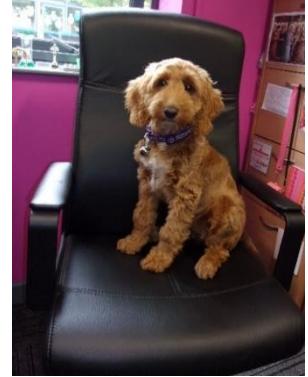
*Liz Latham*

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

## Dottie settles in

This week our newest member of staff has begun meeting pupils – Year 6 and 4 have had their 'date with Dottie' with pupils getting a chance to greet Dottie and ask questions about her and how we are looking after her. We plan for each year group to have a weekly 'date with Dottie' until half term. After this, we will begin to timetable smaller groups of pupils to work more closely with Dottie. If you haven't yet completed the permission slip to allow your child to meet Dottie then please do so and return to school. For more information about this, please check the website here:

<https://www.queensmeadacademy.org/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=1101>



## Morning Club News

We have been working very hard to try to make arrangements for before-school provision to start as soon as possible. We are hoping to begin 'Morning Club' on Oct 5<sup>th</sup> : this will be before - school breakfast provision for those of you who need an early drop off to get to work. There will be a small charge for this (payable/booking through Parent Pay) and will include breakfast and supervision by staff until 8.45am when pupils will be delivered to the playground. Please look out for more details next week when a letter will explain more.



## Cashless System –

### ParentPay



ParentPay®

As we are now a cashless school, we are unable to accept cash payments for anything. Please ensure you've signed up for this using the password on the letter you received at the beginning of term.

## Water Bottles

Please remember to send your children with named, full plastic water bottles every day.



## Library Book Amnesty

Please hunt out any library books you still have at home – we need them!!