

Student's Questions and Answers

Is there a school pet?	We don't have a school pet.
How much homework will you get?	Your class teacher will decide whether you get homework and if so, how much.
How many children are there in school?	There are currently 238 students in our school.
Do I have to go on trips?	Getting out and about is a great way to help us learn but you do not have to go on school trips but staff will encourage you to join in with school trips, as much as possible.
Can my parents come on trips with me?	Parents do not come on trips.
Will I get to decide who sits by me in class?	You can talk with your teacher about where you sit in class. They will listen to what you say but they may decide that it is not possible for you to sit by the person you want to. For example, they may feel that sitting by a certain person would distract you too much from your work.
Do I have to stay in school all day?	Yes you do have to stay in school all day.
Who is in my class?	Mrs Bird and Mrs Pearce are busy gathering all of the information from your primary schools so that we can decide which class you will be in.
What subjects will I be doing?	The subjects you will learn are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English, including writing, reading and speech and language• Maths• Science• Personal, Social and Health Education• Relationships and Sex Education

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History• Geography• Food• Design Technology• Art and Design• Information Technology• Physical Education• Religious Education• Music• Travel Training• Communication• Life skills
<p>What sorts of things are included on the dinner list?</p>	<p>There is a range of food on offer. Examples are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasta (plain and with sauces)• Rice• Chips• Pizza• Burgers• Hot dogs• Roast dinner• Jacket potatoes• Panini• Apple crumble• Flapjack• Ice Cream• Fruit <p>There are vegetarian options available too.</p>

<p>Will I have to go to different classrooms for my lessons?</p> <p>Do we stay in the same classroom for all lessons or do we move rooms for each lesson?</p>	<p>You will spend most of the day in the same classroom with your teacher and teaching assistant. However you will have the following lessons in different rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food - Food Technology room • Physical Education - outside on the field, in the main hall or PE hall. Swimming is held at the swimming baths at The Friary High School, Lichfield. We travel in the minibus to The Friary. • Design Technology - Design Technology workshop • Science - some of you may have your science lessons in the science laboratory • Communication - usually is taught in the music room • Music - Music Room <p>Travel training will take place outside of school and will usually involve a walk around the local area.</p>
<p>Will I be allowed to bring a packed lunch?</p>	<p>You can bring a packed lunch. Please note that we have a strict 'No Nuts' policy though due to severe allergies that other children in the school have.</p>
<p>Will I get to meet my teachers before I start?</p>	<p>Unfortunately due to the coronavirus we may not be able to meet with you face to face before the summer holidays. If we cannot meet with you face to face at the school, we will organise a time and date when we can talk over the phone. We are also looking at whether we can do this via another method, for example, Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Pictures of Year 7 staff will shortly go onto the transition page on our website. Your teacher will also be sending you a transition pack with pictures of themselves in there.</p>
<p>Will there be a transition discussion between the primary feeder school and</p>	<p>We have been in contact with all of the primary feeder schools with a transition activity that we have asked them to complete with your child.</p>

Queens Croft?	Class teachers will shortly be in contact with the primary feeder schools for those children that they teach to ensure that a smooth and successful transition can take place for your child.
When will we receive information about school uniform?	<p>Our school uniform is:</p> <p>BOYS: Grey or black trousers (not jeans) Grey, white or light blue plain shirt Queen's Croft sweatshirt (navy blue) Years 12, 13 and 14 Queen's Croft sweatshirt (maroon) Blue tie optional</p> <p>GIRLS: Grey, black or navy skirts Grey, black or navy blue trousers (not jeans) Grey, white or light blue plain shirt/blouse Queen's Croft sweatshirt (navy blue) Years 12, 13 and 14 Queen's Croft sweatshirt (maroon)</p> <p>P.E. KIT: White T.shirt Plain grey, black or navy blue jogging suits preferred - optional Girls - grey, black or navy skirts or shorts Boys - black or white shorts Purple hoodie</p> <p>Shoes: Grey, black or navy shoes or trainers</p> <p>Socks: Grey, black, navy or white</p>

	<p>Discrete make up is acceptable and a maximum of 2 small ear studs, a watch and a small chain (worn under clothes) are allowed. Other piercings are not permitted and all jewellery must be removed during PE or when staff instruct pupils to do so.</p> <p>All clothing must be named.</p> <p>All uniform can be purchased from:</p> <p>Uniform Plus, Tamworth Street, Lichfield https://www.uniformsplus.co.uk/contact-us/</p> <p>Clothing for Schools, Burton upon Trent https://clothing4schools.com/</p>
<p>How many children are in my class?</p>	<p>There is usually between 9 and 13 students in the class.</p>
<p>Will the work be hard?</p>	<p>Your teacher will set you work that is right for the level that you are working at. This may seem hard sometimes but if it does, we encourage you to tell your teacher and they will discuss it further with you.</p>
<p>When will I be doing PE?</p>	<p>You will have PE twice a week with a PE teacher. The exact day and time for these lessons is not known at the moment.</p>
<p>Will I be in a different class to my friend who is already in the school, in a different year group?</p>	<p>We cannot answer this question at the moment until we have gathered all of the information that we need from your primary schools.</p>
<p>Is there a football club I can join?</p>	<p>School run a football club once a week during lunchtime. Liberty, a private provider, runs a football club after school one day a week, for which a fee applies.</p>

Do you use Timetable Rockstars?	We do not use Timetable Rockstars. We use other online programmes to help you.
Can I wear a blazer?	A blazer is not part of our school uniform.
What is my new teacher's name?	We are currently working out the Year 7 class groups and will let you know your teacher's name as soon as we are able to.
What class will I be in?	We are currently working out the Year 7 class groups and will let you know which class you will be in as soon as we are able to.
Can I bring my happy book in my school bag?	<p>We have contacted your primary school and asked that you create a happiness sheet that can be laminated and brought into school. Due to the coronavirus, can only let students bring a packed lunch into school. It is important that we keep all of you safe in the school.</p> <p>We will keep our website up to date with what students can and cannot bring into school. This may change as the weeks pass and is subject to Government guidance and school risk assessments.</p>
Can I bring in the work I have been doing at home during lock down?	At the moment, we are not letting students bring things into school which they will then want to take home with them. We are keeping this under review and again will keep our website up to date.
Is there somewhere I can go to if I need to calm down?	It helps us if you can share with us what helps you to calm down if you become upset or anxious. If going to a different place helps you then we can do this. We have quiet rooms where you can go to or we can, with an adult, allow you to go for a walk outside or spend some time on the outdoor gym equipment / swing.
Can I see pictures of the staff and my	We are organising pictures and videos of the staff and the school to go onto the

new school?	transition section of our website.
Do you have a breakfast club that I can go to?	There is not a breakfast club that you can attend.
What stationary will I need to bring?	We have stationary in school that you can use. During normal times, you can bring your own pencil case with stationary if you want but we may have to ask you not to in September due to the coronavirus.
Where are the toilets?	There are two main sets of toilets in school and also a number of disabled toilets.
Where is the dinner hall?	The dinner hall is by the main entrance and is shown on the map.
Can I start in September?	We are very hopeful that due to the government relaxing the coronavirus guidelines within the next week or two that you will be able to start in September. We are preparing for you to start in September. Mrs Pearce and Mrs Bird will keep in contact with you about this.
Do I need to bring my own snacks in for break times?	Yes you need to bring in your own snacks for break time if you would like any as we do not sell any snacks.

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Will my child learn about life skills?	The teaching of life skills is a key area of our curriculum. This is included in the relevant parts of the curriculum, particularly Personal, Social and Health Education. However, life
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	<p>skills is not taught only as a discreet lesson in specific subjects, it is embedded within our daily routine and life within the school.</p>
<p>Will I be kept up to date with my child's learning?</p> <p>How often are IEPs reviewed? Does this depend on the individual child?</p> <p>How are individual student's learning mapped out?</p>	<p>Yes you will be kept up to date with your child's learning. Your child will be assessed on a day to day basis within their lessons. There will also be more formal testing in Maths and English at the end of each term. Every term, your child's EHCP will be considered and they will be set Individual Progress Steps in relation to this. These will then be monitored and tracked throughout the term, with targets being updated if they are met. The Individual Progress Steps will be formally reviewed at the end of each Term and you will receive a copy of these, which will detail the progress made by your child and there next steps for the following term.</p>
<p>Do they go on class or school outings and trips?</p>	<p>The students will go on class or schools outings and trips. Examples of those that have taken place the last year or two are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch a show • Garrick Theatre to watch the pantomime • Religious Places of Worship • Woodland walks • Lichfield Town Centre • The Friary Swimming Baths • Residential trips to Standon Bowers and Lea Green Hall <p>Other trips that were planned to take place this year but could not due to Covid - 19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amazon Warehouse and Depot • Lichfield Fire Station - Safe and Sound Event
<p>How will the children will be able to transition into their new school?</p>	<p>Due to Covid-19, we are unfortunately unable to implement the usual transition plan that we would do. Therefore we are working to adapt and tailor this within the restraints that</p>

	<p>we currently have to ensure that the students can have as smooth a transition as possible.</p> <p>We have created this section of our website and shortly this will have the following upon it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pictures of all Year 7 staff • Introduction videos from all Year 7 staff and other key staff who may teach you • Videos of key areas within the school • A map of the school <p>Your class teacher will send you an Induction Pack that will include a variety of information and tasks that you can complete.</p>			
Do the year groups merge together?	<p>All teaching will take place within the student's year groups. Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) will come together for an assembly, usually every fortnight.</p> <p>All year groups will mix together at break times and lunch times on the playground.</p>			
What time can I drop my child off?	<p>Student's are allowed to enter school between 8:40 am and 8:45 am. Due to the number of minibuses that we have entering the site to drop of students, the car park can become very busy. We have staff outside on the car park to help manage this but please be aware that at times, you may have to wait in a queue to get onto the car park.</p>			
What are the times of the school day? E.g. break time, lunch time etc.		<p>8.50 a.m. - 9.10 a.m.</p> <p>9,10 a.m. - 10.10 a.m.</p> <p>9.55 a.m. - 10.55 a.m.</p> <p>11.05 a.m. - 11.20 a.m.</p>	<p>Registration and form time</p> <p>Lesson 1</p> <p>Lesson 2</p> <p>BREAK</p>	

		11.20 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. 12.15 p.m. - 1.15 p.m. 1.15 p.m. - 1.20 p.m. 1.20 p.m. - 2.15 p.m. 2.15 p.m. - 3.10 p.m. 3.10 p.m. - 3.15 p.m. 3.15 p.m.	Lesson 3 LUNCH Registration Lesson 4 Lesson 5 Form time End of school day	
Are there any after school clubs or any childcare facilities?	There are no childcare facilities provided at our school. Liberty, an external provider run a football club once a week after school and also a youth club which involves your child being transported on a minibus provided by Liberty to their base in Burntwood, from where you will collect your child.			
Does the school send home a communication book?	Staff will decide on an individual basis whether a communication book is sent home. If you would like this then please inform your child's class teacher. We have an open communication policy and your child's class teacher will provide you with their school email address so that you can contact them directly. If you collect your child from school yourself, you will have the opportunity to speak to their class teacher then if you wish to.			
Will staff be trained to meet my child's medical needs?	Our staff are trained to meet a vast range of medical needs. This training is kept up to date. Please rest assured that if your child has medical needs that we have not previously had experience of, we are ensuring that we gain knowledge of this condition and liaising with the relevant medical professionals to secure any necessary training that is required in advance of September.			

If my child wears nappies or incontinence pads, is there somewhere for these to be stored safely?	Yes we have facilities to safely store any supplies that you send in to school.
If my child requires medication or medical supplies in school, will these be stored safely?	Yes all medication will be stored safely and in line with any specific storage requirements, for example, in a fridge. We have a stringent sign in and out policy and records that are maintained regarding when the medication is given and the amount. There is a secure safe in the medical room where medication can be stored and also lockable cupboards in the classrooms and lockable fridges.
Is the school uniform only available to purchase from second parties or do you have stock at school?	We do not have stock in school and it is only available from the providers detailed above.
What are the Discipline policy and procedures within school? How are consequences explained and what support is offered for the pupil and what is expected of them? I.e. behavioural, punctuality, appearance. Does the school have behavioural intervention plans in place if needed?	Here is the link to our Behaviour Policy: https://www.queenscroft.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Behaviour-Policy-Mar-2019.pdf Here is the link to the Behaviour Principles document: https://www.queenscroft.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Behaviour-Principles-Written-Statement-Nov-2018.pdf
Appreciating the uncertain times we face for September, how will school open up again? Will there be staggered introductions for the pupils and limited numbers within the classrooms?	Unfortunately it is not possible for us to provide a clear answer to this question at the present time, as the guidance in relation to Covid-19 keeps changing. In the past week, the government have suggested that all children will return to school in September. However the government have not consulted with schools or released any guidance in relation to this. Our priority at all times is the safety of our students and staff and therefore we are

	<p>continuously keeping abreast of the latest updates and guidance from the government. Mrs Pearce and Mrs Bird will keep in contact with you regarding this and as soon as we are able to provide further clarity we will do so. If you have not already provided your contact email address to Mrs Pearce and Mrs Bird, please provide this as soon as possible.</p>
<p>What support is given to the new pupils with finding their way around the school to specific classrooms?</p>	<p>Initially, your child's class teacher or teaching assistant will guide your child around the school when they are required to go to other classrooms for lessons. They will also be supported initially to find their way out at playtime and lunchtime.</p>
<p>Is there a specific person the pupils can approach if needed (safeguarding)?</p>	<p>Mrs Lloyd - Jones, the Deputy Head Teacher is the Designated Safeguarding Lead within the school. She is supported by Mrs Bird, the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Katy Hope, the Safeguarding Governor. Overall responsibility for safeguarding is with the Headteacher.</p> <p>Here is the link to the school's safeguarding policy: https://www.queenscroft.staffs.sch.uk/policy-documents/school-policy/</p>
<p>Is there a school nurse on site all the time?</p>	<p>There is a school nurse on site twice a week. However we are able to contact her at other times if there is a need to do so.</p>
<p>Do you have "Buddy systems" in place at school?</p>	<p>We do not have a formal buddy system in place but staff will buddy students up within their class if they will this will be useful.</p>
<p>How often is Homework given? Does this depend on the individual and subject involved?</p>	<p>In Year 7 your child will usually be encouraged to read three times a week at home and complete Maths and English homework once a week. This will usually allow for this to be completed at the weekend as we appreciate that your child is likely to return home from school tired and in need of relaxation. Your child's class teacher will discuss homework with you.</p>
<p>What visual strategies are used within school?</p>	<p>We use Makaton and widget symbols.</p>

How often does SLT and occupational therapists come into school?	Every two weeks.
Can parents use the car park?	You can use the car park to drop and pick your child up from school, but we do request that you park off site and walk to school.
How does the school decide which class my child will be placed in?	We will consider your child's current academic and social ability, together with any medical needs.
How many classes will Year 7 be split into?	Year 7 will be split into 3 classes, plus some children will join one of our four complex needs classes, if this better suits their needs.
Will we have the opportunity to meet with my child's teacher prior to them starting to go over their specific physical/medical requirements and needs?	Once the children have been allocated to classes, your child's class teacher will be in contact with you to arrange a mutually convenient date and time when they can speak with you.