



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

It has been so wonderful to see everyone back at school this week – lots of smiles and happy faces.

A warm welcome to our new students and their families – we hope that you are all enjoying the start of your time at Queen's Croft.

Thank you for supporting our school uniform requirements – everyone looks very smart this week. We have tried to minimise costs by only asking for the school logo to be on the sweatshirts. Arriving at school appropriately dressed is an important part of students being ready to focus on learning. If you have any questions about uniform, please do contact the school office.

The start of a new school year is a chance to plan ahead and to dream of what will be achieved by the end of the school year. We will be encouraging students to think about what needs to improve in their learning and behaviour as part of setting individual targets for them. If you have opportunity, it would be useful to talk to them about this at home too. Let us know if they have any exciting suggestions.

It is so important that we that we keep everyone safe, so please do update your child's permissions on SIMS. Parents/Carers will have been sent the link for SIMS Parent this week. If you are having any difficulty, please contact the office staff who will assist you with this. Please ensure that when you are updating that you give consideration to permission for your child's photo to be included in school/MST publications, we love to celebrate their achievements in our communications and without the correct permission we are unable to use a photo of your child to do this. Please note we would not include your child's full name when adding their photo.

Next week, we will be sending out the dates for parent's evenings and school events throughout the year.

Two changes for this year;

1. We're reviewing our weekly newsletters and will be experimenting with sharing our good news on Twitter / Facebook and social media.
2. We will be providing a number of different parent events and opportunities to come into school. Some of these will be during the school day and some will be after school. We really want to work alongside you to make sure our students are achieving their full potential.

If you have any questions or queries, please do contact us through the school office. Our wonderful office team will be able to direct you to the right member of staff. Please note that school staff do

not respond to parent emails outside of school hours, so if you need an urgent response, the office staff are the best people to contact.

The sad news of the Queen's death will affect us all in different ways. We were so proud of how students engaged with the Jubilee celebrations last year and next week we will be holding a number of events to mark the Queen's passing. We will make sure that these allow students to reflect on the Queen's life of service and help them to understand the historic changes that are taking place. I encourage you to talk about these events with your child – as and when it feels appropriate. Let's take this opportunity to talk about loss and endings and feelings – it all helps.

I trust that you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Dr Debbie Bailey

Headteacher

