



Primary QuEST – Welcome Letter for the 2025-26 Academic Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the 2025-26 academic year, we warmly welcome you and your children back to Primary QuEST. We hope you had a restful and joyful break, and we're excited to begin another year of learning, growth and discovery together. If your child has started in reception or is new to a PQ school, an especially warm welcome to you!

It was fantastic to visit all of the schools last week and see the pupils settling happily into their new classes, as well as the inspiring learning environments that have been enhanced over the summer. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these improvements.



At Primary QuEST, we remain committed to our **vision of flourishing together through life**. We understand the importance of a strong curriculum, effective pastoral support and fostering a love of learning that lasts a lifetime.

This year, we are introducing several exciting developments:

What's in focus this year across Primary QuEST

- **A rich curriculum:** We continue to strengthen our curriculum offer. We look forward to welcoming Christopher Such to lead our staff INSET day in October, focusing on the importance of reading. Later in the academic year, we will welcome back art specialist Darrell Wakelam. A number of our schools are working closely with the maths and English hubs.
- **Wellbeing:** We're continuing to prioritise pupil wellbeing, with initiatives in mindfulness, emotional literacy and peer support.
- **PQ pupil events:** Throughout the year we will host residentials, competitions and festivals.
- **Community engagement:** Look out for exciting PTA events across the Primary QuEST schools and opportunities to get involved in school life.

Attendance

As highlighted nationally, school attendance remains a key priority. Across Primary QuEST, attendance in the 2023-24 was 95.3%. With your support, this rose to 95.8% in 2024-25. Our **target for 2025-26 is 96+%**.

Every day of learning counts. Research shows at primary school, children who attend nearly every day (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time. Strong attendance also supports friendships, confidence and a sense of belonging.

What can you do?

As parents and carers, you play a vital role in making attendance a priority. Please only keep your child at home if they are genuinely too ill to attend. Book medical appointments and holidays outside of school time whenever possible. If you experience difficulties with attendance, do talk to your child's school so we can help.

We also recognise that some children face significant barriers to attendance, for example those with long-term medical conditions, serious mental health needs, or special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). In such cases, we will always work compassionately with you to provide tailored support.

Home Learning

We believe that strong partnerships between home and school are key to pupil success. Thank you for supporting your child at home. Reading with them regularly and helping them with times tables recall are especially important in primary years.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year, filled with learning, growth and achievement. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Stephen Dean

CEO, Primary QuEST