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Quality First Education Trust

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Danebury Avenue, Roehampton, London, SW15 4PD

16 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent/Carer meeting appointments are now live on School Spider. These meetings are taking place on Tuesday 20th of October and Wednesday 21st October for years Nursery – Year 5. Year 6 meetings will be after half-term as they clash with their residential trip. Please sign up to a slot where you can meet with your child's class teacher to hear how they have settled into the new school year.

Our garden projects at the front of the school and in the courtyard are nearing completion. Please remind your children to be respectful of our new plants and not to run through the planted areas.

Linsay Thomson
Headteacher

Parent Survey Feedback

This week's feedback point: School meal portion sizes are too small.

We understand the importance of ensuring pupils receive enough food and are satisfied after their meals. Staff have been monitoring food consumption and waste in the dinner hall and have not had any recent requests for more food. We will discuss your concerns with the catering team and ask them to review the current portion sizes to ensure they are appropriate for the pupils' needs.

Important Dates

Parent/Carer Meetings: Nursery – Year 5 – Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October
Last day of Autumn Term 1: Friday 23 October
Autumn Half Term: Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October
Inset Day: Monday 2 November – school closed to children
First day of Autumn Term 2: Tuesday 3 November
Flu Immunisation Day: Thursday 19 November
Last day of Autumn Term 2: Friday 18 December

Full term dates for the 2026-27 year are on our website.

Our number one priority is to ensure that all children and adults are safe.

If you are worried about something or if you are worried about someone else, you can talk to ANYONE who works for the school. Safeguarding is the responsibility of EVERYONE.

Childline: 0800 1111

Is your child starting Nursery or Reception in September 2027?

We will be holding an open morning for families wanting to join the school in September 2027. It will take place on **Thursday 19 November** from 9.30am.

To find out more or sign up, please complete this short form.

Weather Changes

Autumn is here and the weather can be quite changeable. Please ensure your child has appropriate warm and dry clothing.

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BRITE Box Scheme



Year 4 have the opportunity to join in the BRITE box scheme this year. This weekly activity includes a meal recipe kit with all ingredients provided, enabling families to prepare and eat a different balanced meal together each week. It brings families together around food in the home, sparking joy and interest in cooking and healthier eating. It provides children (and adults!) with key cooking skills and the self-confidence to use them. The boxes are easy to carry and contain enough food to prepare a meal for a family of five.

BRITE Box stands for Building Resilience In Today's Environment and the scheme aims to reach as many families as possible through the joy of cooking and in doing so build resilience for generations to eat and live well together. Voices of Hope is a locally founded charity in Kingston Upon Thames, working in partnership with KingsGate Church, Kingston to inspire hope and create change through community-based projects.

Feedback from one family this week: *'I would like to share our experience of making pizza using the Brite Box recipe. It was a fun and enjoyable activity for the family, and we enjoyed following the recipe and preparing our own pizza together. It was a great opportunity to learn a new skill while spending quality time as a family. Thank you for providing this wonderful activity!'*

Flu Immunisation Day



Your child's flu vaccination is now due. The Wandsworth Immunisation Team will visit school on **Thursday 19th November**. All information has been sent out on School Spider.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. If you would like to know more about the flu vaccine, please visit the NHS website.

Please discuss the vaccine with your child and use this link to complete the electronic consent form. Your child will be offered the live nasal flu spray or the injectable porcine-free flu vaccine. The nasal spray vaccine is a quick and simple spray up each nostril. Alternatively, you can choose for your child to have the injectable porcine-free vaccine. This is given as an injection into the upper muscle of the arm. It is recommended that your child has the flu vaccine every year due to changes in flu strains circulating each year, even if they had the vaccine last year. If you do not complete your child's consent form, the Wandsworth Immunisation Team may contact you to offer your child the vaccine.

Wellbeing and SEND Support

The SWLSTG Education Wellbeing Service offers free parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health: **Early Years (Nursery and Reception)**, **Primary (Years 1 – 6)**

The Family Information Service has resources available to help families with children with SEND.