



Ormiston Kensington Queensmill Academy



Autumn 2025

Message from the Head



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year at Ormiston Kensington Queensmill Academy! We're so pleased to welcome you and your child back to Ormiston Kensington Queensmill Academy for the new school year! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're excited to begin another year of learning and growth. As a specialist school for autistic children with complex needs, we know how important it is to build strong, trusting relationships with families—and we're here to support you every step of the way.

We're really looking forward to seeing your child back in school and working together to make this year a positive and rewarding one for them.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Bancarz

Key dates



Term dates

- Monday 1st September – Staff Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Tuesday 2nd September – Staff Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- Wednesday 3rd September – First day of term for pupils
- Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October – Half-term break
- Monday 25th November – Wellbeing Day (school closed to pupils and staff)
- Friday 19th December – Last day of Autumn Term

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Wellbeing Day 2025



Please note that **Monday, 25th November 2025** is designated as a Staff Wellbeing Day.

The school will be closed to both pupils and staff on this day.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

- **Drop-off: Between 8:45am and 9:00am**
- **Pick-up: Between 3:00pm and 3:15pm**

As a school supporting vulnerable children with autism, consistency and routine are vital. Arriving and collecting your child on time helps maintain their sense of security and reduces anxiety. Late arrivals can be unsettling and may impact their ability to engage with the day's activities.

If you are delayed or need to make alternative arrangements, please contact the school office as soon as possible so we can support your child appropriately.

Parent Coffee Morning



- Wednesday, 24th September 2025
- Friday, 17th October 2025

Further details will be shared in due course.

Parents Evening

Wednesday, 12th November 2025

School Uniform



If you would like to purchase our school uniform with the new OKQA Logo please use the link below to see the options.

<https://myclothing.com/collections/kensington-queensmill-29078>

Nut-free school



OKQMA is a nut-free school. This means **no nuts or nut products** should be brought to school at any time.

If you are not sure if something is suitable to be sent in as a snack, feel free to contact the school.

Some of our students have severe nut allergies, and even a small amount can be very dangerous.

To keep everyone safe, we ask that you please check all snacks and lunches before sending them to school.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND:

- Peanut butter or Nutella
- Chocolate bars with nuts (e.g. Snickers, Reese's)
- Granola bars or snacks with peanuts, almonds, or other nuts

Useful Information

- **School Hours:** Monday to Friday, 9am – 3:00pm

- **Curriculum:** We offer a highly personalised and differentiated curriculum that reflects the individual needs, strengths, and interests of our pupils. Our approach places a strong emphasis on communication, emotional regulation, and wellbeing.
- **Communication:** Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the school office to receive timely updates and newsletters.
- **Website:** Visit okqma.co.uk for term dates, policies, and other key information.

Contact Us



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