

Dear parents and carers,

What a week! We have had 99.3% attendance this week compared to 35% last week and are so proud.

The children have been amazing. The smiles of our head boy and girl Aidan and Faith receiving their badges this week says it all. We have made some tweaks, employed new faces and changed lunchtimes. We also had rain to contend with, which means the field has been off limits. Nevertheless, the children have taken it all in their stride and the atmosphere in school has been tremendously positive. I am sure you will have some tired little bodies this weekend.

The school continues to grow and is now the largest primary school in the town with nearly 480 pupils choosing The Quinta for their education - a huge celebration all round.



It's so great to be back, enjoy your little ones this weekend and I look forward to seeing them again on Monday - with their coats.

Have a safe weekend,  
Will Sharpe

<u><b>Key Information</b></u>	
<p><b><u>Travel to Tokyo</u></b> Get ready! Our school is getting active with Team GB and Paralympics GB by taking on the Travel to Tokyo virtual challenge. We want you to join us on a 47,349 kilometre journey to Tokyo by getting active as a family and logging your activity. There are lots of prizes to be won too!</p> <p><b><u>School lunchtimes</u></b> We now have a new system for lunchtime. Hot school dinner and packed lunches eat at the same time in their bubbles. They start together and end together. This has been brilliant for the children who no longer wait for their hot meal or are separated from their friends. We will be looking to develop our hot meal options now that we are in the process of catering over ourselves. You can book a school dinner for one or more days every week through your SCOPAY account.</p> <p><b><u>Science competition</u></b></p>	<p><b>Travel to Tokyo- find out more:</b> <a href="https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo?tab=families">https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo?tab=families</a></p> <p><b>Log activity:</b> <a href="https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity">https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity</a></p> <p><b>Keep track of progress:</b> <a href="https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/school/the-quinta-primary-school-cw12-4lx">https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/school/the-quinta-primary-school-cw12-4lx</a></p>

You will have seen that the science team have uploaded a competition to Seesaw. We would love to see as many entries as possible. Please upload your child's entry to Seesaw by Friday 26th March.

### **Safety before school**

We have had a couple of issues with children playing football before school when they are arriving early. The only action the school will be able to take is to keep the external gates locked until 8:45. Please make sure that your child arrives at the recommended drop off time so that they are not waiting around too long. Children running around or playing football makes it harder for parents to socially distance and can cause injuries if the balls are kicked at an adult or younger child. We have been reminding the children about this too in school. We appreciate your support with this.

### **New pedestrian crossing**

There is a new pedestrian crossing near Heath farm. We have been made aware that it is not clear to traffic. Please talk to your children about checking that the traffic has stopped before crossing.

### **Covid19 - isolating and testing**

If you are isolating due to a close contact receiving a positive COVID test, you must count the day of your last contact with that person as day zero. Your child's isolation will then be for the next 10 consecutive days. They can return to school on the 11th day. For example: Hope is a close contact of a child who was showing symptoms on Saturday 13th March. This is day zero for Hope. She will then be able to finish isolating on Wednesday 24th March to return to school.

Please see the dedicated section below for further information on COVID 19 testing from Cheshire East.

### **Vision and hearing checks**

Reception children: The School Health Team will be coming into school on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th to complete the **vision and hearing checks** for the children that they have received consent forms back from parents/guardians.

### **Coats**

We would like the children to get outside as much as possible. The weather is getting better but there are still lots of spring showers. Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school each day.

Click here to get your tickets:  
[Your School Lottery: Easy online fundraising for schools & PTAs - Your School Lottery](#)

### School Lottery

Tickets for the school lottery cost just £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week and a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot. There is also the added bonus of a free entry to the £500 bike voucher draw on the 17th April. This is a great way to raise money for the school.



### Celebrations

#### Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Helen Taylor who has been appointed as our new parent governor.

### Covid testing

Updated DfE guidance states anyone who has previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test unless they develop any new symptoms of COVID-19.

If, however, you do have an antigen LFD test within 90 days of a previous positive COVID-19 PCR test, for example as part of a workplace or community testing programme, and the result of this test is positive, you and your household should self-isolate and follow the steps in this guidance again.

At Cheshire East we would recommend that previous positive cases should not return if they are still unwell and they may wish to do an LFT before returning to school to check they are no longer infectious. Following on from this, further LFD tests are not required for 90 days from the date of the positive PCR test.

#### Positive LFD tests.

Individuals with a positive LFD home test result along with close contacts will need to self-isolate immediately in line with the stay-at-home guidance. Individuals need to report all test results, positive, negative or voids to NHS Test and Trace as soon as the test is complete, as set out in the test kit instructions and self-report gov.uk page. This will enable NHS Test and Trace to monitor the spread of the virus. They should also inform their educational setting of their result so the setting can identify close contacts, who will also need to self-isolate.

They must book a confirmatory PCR test, then continue to isolate for 10 days if the PCR test result is positive. The individual should also inform their educational setting of the PCR result. If the PCR test is negative, then the individual and their close contacts can stop isolating.

The following information may be useful:

From Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March additional asymptomatic testing sites will be in operation across Cheshire east at the following venues:

- Macclesfield Community Centre – Dukes Street, SK11 6UR
- New Life Church, Danesford Community Centre, West Road, Congleton, CW12 4EU
- Wesley Centre, Sandbach – Wesley Avenue, CW11 1DG
- Middlewich Community Church – Brooks Lane, CW10 0JG
- Prestbury Village Hall – Macclesfield Road, SK10 4BW

Testing is also available at selected pharmacies. Tests at both the asymptomatic testing sites and pharmacies are available on selected days of the week and must be booked in advanced using the online booking facility at <https://cheshireeast.zipporah.co.uk/LFT.Bookings>.

Households and bubbles of pupils, students and staff of schools and colleges should get tested twice weekly. This also includes the wider school community including bus drivers and after school club leaders. Those people within this category can collect lateral flow testing kits from either of the council’s two local testing sites between 1.30pm and 7pm. These two sites are based at;

- Crewe - Chester Street car park, CW1 2ER
- Macclesfield - Commercial Road, SK10 2QJ

These tests are not for use with pupils and students. Primary school children have not been asked to take the LFD test, and tests for secondary and college students will be issued by their school / college.

A positive result from a home testing kit does however require a confirmatory PCR test. This must be a traditional Covid-19 test offered at the two testing sites in Crewe or Macclesfield, a postal one ordered online or one of your school supply. Although this is an inconvenience it doesn’t affect the 10-day isolation start date, which will commence after the lateral flow positive result itself.

This is not the case for a positive result from lateral flow tests carried out in a pharmacy or at an asymptomatic testing site. No confirmatory test is needed, and self-isolation must start immediately upon receiving the results.

## Safeguarding

Roblox is one of the most popular gaming platforms that children can use to play on. While there are lots of games and options for creativity, there are a few areas where issues can crop up. There are some great tips on there such as how to disable the in-game chat, what ‘griefing’ is and disconnecting their social media accounts from the game.



### [Roblox: Guide for Parents](#)

## Reminders

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morning snacks</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New school lunch menu</p> <p><b><u>Drop off times:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Collection times:</u></b></p>	<p>Morning snacks will be available from the kitchen and a reminder that we are returning to cash payments for these and not our online system. Here are the pricings:</p> <p>Toast - 20p Full bagel - 50p Half bagel - 25p Crumpet - 25p Teacake - 50p Half teacake - 25p Pizza - 50p (Thursdays) Full bacon sandwich - £1.00 (Fridays) Half bacon sandwich - 50p (Fridays)</p> <p>A reminder that we have a new lunch menu: <a href="#"><u>Lunch menu for spring</u></a></p> <p>Preschool: 9:00 - 9:15am Rest of the school: 8:45 - 9:05 however we are strongly encouraging parents to drop off at the following times to avoid congestion: 8:45 - 8:55: Reception, Year 1 &amp; Year 2 pupils 8:55 - 9:05: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 &amp; Year 6 pupils</p> <p>Preschool: 2:45-3:00 For families with multiple children we have tried to make collection easier. Reception , Year 1 &amp; Year 2:        3:10- 3:30 however, where possible 3:10 - 3:20 Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 &amp; Year 6:    3:20 - 3:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Enter through the usual one way system at the side gate.</li><li>● Exit through the middle gate opposite reception</li><li>● All parents/carers must wear a face mask unless exempt</li><li>● Pupils will not be required to wear masks at any point in school.</li></ul>
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## Community

### School Health Visyon Webinar Activities

The parent Webinars are intended to offer information and ideas to help in supporting children with understanding and managing their emotions and wellbeing. These are open to parents/carers or other interested family members.

The webinars are delivered as a presentation on Zoom.

[A guide to parent/carer webinars this spring](#)

[What is on at Visyon this spring?](#)

### Dates for Spring Term

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th March

The School Health Team will be coming into school to complete the **vision and hearing checks** for the children that they have received consent forms back from parents/guardians.

19th March

For Red Nose Day children can come into school in Red Nose Day outfits and can bring in a donation to do so. [Shop Comic Relief](#)

31st March

Easter egg competition for the whole school. Each child can decorate an egg to bring to school on the 30th March.

1st April

The children are invited to come to school in coloured tops so our school is a rainbow of colours. This will help us to raise awareness for autism.