

Key Information

COVID

Cheshire East have changed their guidance now to fall in line with the national picture and so from Monday 17th January the following changes will be in place:

- Pupils who test positive on a Lateral Flow Test are no longer required to get a confirmatory PCR.
- Pupils, who are members of a household where a resident has a positive LFT/PCR, **will not** be required to self isolate for 5 days. They will be permitted to attend school so long as they have a negative LFT on the day. This will remain whilst there is a positive case in the house.

A full reminder of the procedures is contained in the covid section below.

School Places

The closing date for the primary applications is 15th January 2022. Late applications may be disadvantaged. To apply online please go to www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx or call 0300 1235012.

Non-uniform day

Coniston Red won the team points last term so they have earned themselves a non-uniform day. Well done, Coniston Red! All pupils in this team can wear non-uniform on **Friday 21st January**.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs start next week. You should have received a text message if your child has a place in their chosen club(s). If you haven't received a message then your child will not currently have a place but will be on the waiting list should space become available.

Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

7th and 8th February Parents' evening



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Safeguarding

- Mr Sharpe (headteacher) DSL - Designated Safeguard Lead
- Mrs Millward (Safeguard Lead)
- Mrs Bernard (assistant headteacher and Y4 class teacher) Deputy DSL
- Ms Stones (assistant headteacher and Y6 teacher) Deputy DSL
- Mrs Wootton (Y3 class teacher) Deputy DSL

Safeguarding and Wellbeing at The Quinta

Last week, we shared information around our learning in school concerning ‘PANTS are private’ during our PHSCE lessons. You may have already seen information regarding this on your child’s Seesaw or will do in the upcoming weeks. This is just one aspect of our curriculum where the safeguarding and wellbeing of our children is our key priority. This week, we are sharing just some of the different ways in which we as a school prepare pupils for the modern world so that they can be as safe and secure (emotionally and physically) as possible.

- At The Quinta PHSCE (Personal, Health, Social, Cultural Education) is a core subject meaning it has a raised profile. Lessons are taught three times a week across the school in order to consistently deliver the key skills and knowledge planned in our [wide curriculum](#).
- RE lessons once a week covering a range of religions and alternative belief systems to promote the importance of tolerance, acceptance and respect for all.
- Strong curriculum intent and delivery of online safety in both computing and PHSCE.
- A full term of PHSCE (summer) dedicated to mental and physical health including identifying emotions, understanding the importance of sleep and healthy eating and learning different mindfulness strategies.
- A range of different strategies in place for pupils needing additional support such as Mrs Gibson, our emotional wellbeing mentor, SWaNS counselling which comes into school weekly, Play Therapy and Forest School sessions with Mrs Macha.
- Anti-bullying is a key focus in the spring term with an anti-bullying team in place for any ongoing, repetitive issues which constitute bullying.
- Other important life skills are also taught such as swimming and bikeability. First aid training and awareness is also being introduced for pupils across the school (at age appropriate levels) this term.
- School Council and Pupil Leadership Team to again reinforce the idea of democracy and working collaboratively and to ensure that the voice of the children is heard.
- ‘Pupil voice’ takes place in the majority of subjects so that their opinions and learning experiences are shared and valued.
- Curriculum being updated when needed to reflect the modern world. Stereotypes and assumptions are challenged so that all children feel valued and accepted as they are.
- Buddy systems, such as with reception and Y6 and play leaders (Y5 children) to support pupils at play times.
- Healthy eating and nutrition taught in PHSCE and science.
- Over the minimum amount of PE taught weekly to emphasise the importance of exercise for their mental and physical wellbeing.
- Quality texts used to enhance the teaching of PHSCE and our ‘No Outsiders’ approach to improve pupils’ empathy and understanding of the world.
- A dedicated pastoral team on duty at lunchtime to support all pupils with social interaction and managing emotions.

- This week we have had 4 positive cases: 1 in class 11, 1 in class 9, 1 in class 7 and 1 in Preschool.

As the guidance is ever changing, here is a recap on the key points:

- Twice weekly LFT are recommended for all households and school staff - If an LFT indicates a positive result, there is no need to book a PCR.
- Individuals who are symptomatic should book a PCR unless they have a positive LFT.
- Isolation can end after 2 negative LFTs taken on day 6 and day 7 taken 24 hours apart. Currently this means if your child is negative at 7am on 6th day and 7 am on 7th day then they can attend school at 8:45am on 7th day.
- If a member of the household tests positive then pupils can still attend school, provided they have a negative LFT in the morning.
- The school will accept negative results from LAMP testing which is currently only available to NHS workers.
- If a pupil displays new symptoms even if they have had a positive result in the last 90 days you will be asked to get a PCR test as new variants can reinfect.
- Face masks vastly reduce the chance of transmission. They are highly recommended for parents when entering the school grounds but not mandatory. Face masks are mandatory when meeting with staff at the door or in reception.

Reminders

Schoolspider app link - If you don't have the app you may miss very important messages

We are not using teachers2parents any more for text messages. In order to receive important messages then it is critical that you download the schoolspider app. You will be notified about club cancellations, head bumps etc as before but via the Schoolspider app.

Apple

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/school-spider/id1030400910>

[Parent app support for school spider](#)

Google play

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolspider.schoolspider&hl=en_GB&gl=US

The Quinta Curriculum

We promised to give greater signposting to our curriculum which has been available in extensive detail on the school since 2019. [Here is a direct link to find out more.](#)



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The Quinta Senior Leadership Team			Who to contact
Member of staff	Position	What areas can they support me with?	How to contact/where they can be found
Mr W Sharpe	Headteacher	Escalation of concerns. Any safeguarding concerns.	head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs L Gratton	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to EYFS and KS1.	lgratton@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching in reception.
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching in Y6.
Mrs K Bernard	Assistant Headteacher	Issues pertaining to special educational needs. Any safeguarding concerns.	kbernard@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching in Year 4.
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk <u>In the school office.</u>
Mrs S Williams	Lead Teaching Assistant	First Aid	swilliams@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk Teaching assistant Y3