



The Quinta Primary School

- Everyday Excellence
- Authentic Care
- Independence
- Opportunity

“As a result of the huge efforts everyone has made to adhere to strict social distancing measures, the transmission rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased. We therefore anticipate, **with further progress**, that we **may be able**, from the week commencing 1 June, to welcome back more children to early years, school and further education settings. **We will only do this provided that the 5 key tests set by government justify the changes at the time**, including that the rate of infection is decreasing and the enabling programmes set out in the roadmap are operating effectively. **As a result we are asking schools, colleges and childcare providers to plan on this basis, ahead of confirmation that these tests are met.**”

- Department for Education 12 May 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

Following the government’s announcement above, we have begun to plan what The Quinta feels could be offered, should the 5 key tests be met and indeed we are open to receive pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in addition to the key worker and vulnerable pupils for whom we have remained open for since the start of lockdown. We thank you for your patience as we navigate the challenge of opening up our school to a wider population of children.

As parents and guardians, you know your children best and we want you to be fully informed regarding what the arrangements will be for your child and what they will be coming back to so that you can make the decision that is right for your family. With the safety of our children and staff at the forefront of our decision making we have begun to put together the following plan.

In adherence with the government’s guidelines, we will need to reduce our class sizes to a maximum of 15. Therefore, we will be timetabling our days differently. Week 1 will be for Reception and Year 1. We will introduce year 6 if week 1 runs as expected.

Week 1:

Reception class 1 and Class 1 (Y1) will be group A

Reception class 2 and Class 2 (Y1) will be group B

Week 2 (as long as week 1 runs to plan)

Reception class 1 and Class 1 (Y1) and Class 11 (Y6) will be group A.

Reception class 2 and Class 2 (Y1) and Class 12 (Y6) will be group B

Classes will be split into 2 groups and will be taught in their year group classes in maximum sizes of 15. Group A will attend school Monday and Tuesday. Group B will attend school Thursday and Friday. This will allow Wednesday to be used as a deep clean day between the 2 groups.

With our class sizes being reduced, we must also stress that while children who are not in the key worker group will be with pupils of their own class, they will not be guaranteed to be with friends and they will not necessarily be with their class teacher. However, we have tried to keep staff within the same phase (EYFS, Y1/2, Y5/6) as they currently teach. Staff are being split across these year groups to cover as we have staff that are still not able to be in school for medical reasons. Children will stay within their ‘bubble’ throughout the day and will only cross paths for toilet use.

(Toilets will be assigned to a class. E.g. Class 2 will be split into 2 groups of 15 but both groups will use the same toilets.)

In order to ensure no pupil is disadvantaged by not attending, we are not delivering new content from our curriculum during this time. Learning activities and expectations will remain the same for pupils both in school and at home. The only difference is that children in school will receive 1:15 input from a staff member.

Our school day and timings will also be different for these three year groups. to allow a safe drop off and pick up. Timings for key worker children will remain the same. We currently cannot offer lunchtimes in a safe way without crossing over ‘bubbles’, providing adequate supervision and putting your children and our staff at risk. Therefore, for the first two weeks we will be offering provision until 1pm.

Our timings are as follows. Timings for key worker children will remain the same.

| Year | Drop off | Break time | Collection |
|---------------------|------------------|---|------------|
| Year 6 | 8:45-9:00am | (C11) 10:15am (C12) 10:30am | 1:15pm |
| Year 1 | 9:00-9:15am | (C1) 10:15am (C2) 10:30am | 1:00pm |
| Reception | 9:15-9:30am | To be decided by staff in their outside area. | 12:45pm |
| Key worker children | 8:45am as normal | Break 10:00 - 10:15am | 3:10pm |
| Breakfast club | 8:00 | Lunch 12:30-1pm | 3:10pm |

To ensure the safety of all (including residents), we ask you to adhere to your drop off times. If you are on the premises too early you will be asked to wait in your car or walk around the locality to avoid contact between ‘bubbles’ . School lunches . Reception and Y1 pupils who are

vulnerable/ key worker children are entitled to a free school meal. KS2 children's lunches will be chargeable at the usual rate £2.30.

With regards to Y6, as difficult as it is for them, we need to prepare them for the fact that they will not be coming back and experiencing the traditional 'goodbye' that they have hoped for. We are awaiting guidance from the high schools around transition but it is expected that they will be prepared for the transition and we will do as much as we can in school for them. There will be no end of year play or leavers assembly.

If your child is coming into school, it is expected that they bring their own equipment such as a pencil, ruler, rubber and colouring pencils (if they choose). They will need to bring them in in a clear plastic bag (like a sandwich bag) and they will be kept in school. In EYFS, children will be provided with their own equipment. They will also need to bring their own break and water bottle. To ensure that there is no crossing of 'bubbles', each year group has been allocated their own toilets. Deep cleaning will take place between each bubble's time on the rota.

Uniform is expected to be worn as has been the case with key worker children but children can wear trainers for when they take part in some physical activity. Please ensure that after your child arrives at school that they have everything they need as we will not be allowing parents and guardians to drop off items throughout the day. We will only be offering breakfast club for children of key workers and they will be staying with that group all day.

If you have any further questions around any of this that you would like to clarify before making your decision then please email head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk or call the school to speak with a member of the senior leadership team.

We would like to stress that these procedures are the proposal for the week beginning Monday 1st June and Monday 8th June. We will then re-evaluate the provision in line with all guidance and best practice.

We will send a form out at the end of the week for you to complete if you require your child to attend school on any of the days from 1st June to 12th June.

The survey will look similar to this:

Key Worker / Vulnerable

| | Breakfast club from 8am | Morning | Afternoon |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mon 1st June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tue 2nd June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wed 3rd June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thur 4th June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fri 5th June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mon 8th June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tue 9th June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wed 10th June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thurs 11th June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fri 12th June | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Reception , Y1, Y6 class

| | Yes |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Mon 1st June | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tue 2nd June | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wed 3rd June | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mon 8th June | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tue 9th June | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Finally, every school is different: the internal layout, class sizes, number of toilets and size of outside spaces. Some schools have many staff shielding for a variety of reasons whilst others may have large numbers of key worker children. It is unhelpful to compare but we understand this will naturally happen. We would like you to know that whether our offer is better or worse suited for your context than another local school, we have made our decisions based on what we can confidently begin to safely manage for our children and staff in our environment.

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