

Key Information

Covid

Please see the dedicated Covid section further down.

School Snacks

We are seeing an increase in litter and highly processed, sugary snacks at break time. We appreciate that pupils have different dietary requirements and needs and this is a topic that can be divisive as the parent questionnaire last year showed and so we are making the changes now. We also appreciate that some parents may not agree that snacks served from The Quinta Kitchen are healthy and we will be reviewing this menu over the coming weeks in preparation for the summer term. However, this is the start that we are making in order to improve the environment and health of our pupils. Snacks in wrappers can still be eaten inside at lunchtime as we teach pupils about balance and moderation such as having a healthy snack at break and enjoying a sweeter treat at lunch.

Permitted snacks:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Snack from the school kitchen

Pupils with other snacks (e.g. crisps, cereal bars, cheese strings, sweets) will be asked to return them to their lunchboxes to be eaten at lunchtime.

Attendance

Registration is taken at **8:55am**. If your child is not in class at this point, they will receive a late mark. There are a number of pupils arriving close to 9am and missing out on daily arithmetic practice. Please make every effort to be in school during the 8:45-8:55 window.

Ukraine

Next Friday we will be showing our support for 'Refugees of Ukraine' by allowing children to purchase and hang yellow and blue ribbons in school. It will be a voluntary donation (of your choosing but we would suggest a minimum of £1) which will go directly to UNICEF. Children supporting children.



Year 6 have been invited to take part in the Congleton Rotary Swimathon at Biddulph Leisure Centre on Friday 4th March at 7pm 🏊

The Swimathon involves teams of 2 - 8 swimming continuously for 55 minutes with only one member of each team swimming at a time.

There will be many other teams swimming quite independently of each other and there is no competing, although our three Quinta teams enjoyed competing against each other last time!

The Swimathon is a sponsored event and is raising money for:

- **The Georgia Leigh Ogden Foundation**
- **Macclesfield Christie Hospital**
- **Congleton's League of Friends** - This charity provides relief to patients in Congleton and Macclesfield hospital by making grants to various individuals or departments.
- **Congleton's Less Able Club** - An organisation for people with mobility problems. This club provides an opportunity to meet with a varied programme of activities and events.

We would love to raise as much money as we can for these charities, so if you would like to donate please do so by clicking the link below to our Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/quinta>

Thank you,

Miss O'Neill & Mrs Williams



We will be taking part in the Rotary Swimathon tonight to raise money for lots of wonderful causes. If you would like to donate, please follow the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/quinta>

Snack List

Please find a price list of the snacks at playtimes.

Snack list

Comic Relief Red Noses

We will be selling a limited amount of red noses in support of Comic Relief during break times from the middle of next week. They will be at a cost of £1.50 and will be on a first come first served basis.

What is The Quinta school shop?

Each week, pupils from year 6 run The Quinta school shop. The purpose of the shop is for pupils to learn valuable business and commerce skills by selecting products to sell, developing sales skills and managing finance along with raising money to purchase items to enhance our pupils' education.

The school shop team sell pocket money items on a weekly basis and themed items throughout the year (such as Valentine's and Easter items). The shop is extremely popular with all pupils and also enhances their skills in handling and budgeting money.

Easter holiday club

We are proposing to run The Quinta holiday club from Monday 4th April until Thursday 14th April. This will be dependent on numbers and if the numbers are below 10 on any day, we may not be able to run the provision.

Activities will include activities such as bouncy castle, ice lolly making, capture the flag, lazer guns, dance competition and many more fun activities.

If you wish to attend, please complete the booking form by Friday 11th March we will confirm to you via email that the club will go ahead by Friday 18th March.

Sessions and costs

8:00am - 12:00 £15

8:00am - 5:00pm £30 packed lunch required.

Discounted weekly rates

8:00am - 12:00pm all week £67.50

8:00am - 5:00pm all week £135

Families in receipt of FSM may have 5 days free.

Siblings will be discounted at 10% for each child.

Music for Life

Music for Life are now taking bookings for children who wish to start learning a musical instrument after Easter. The deadline for booking for lessons is 31st March and bookings can be made on the Music for Life website which is www.musicforlife.co.uk

Music for Life offer the opportunity to learn a wide range of instruments such as guitar, piano, keyboard, violin, cello, clarinet, saxophone, flute, cornet, trombone, trumpet, euphonium, bass guitar and drums. Learning to play an instrument enables children to participate in an activity which many will find to be one of the most formative experiences they have as they grow up, developing an interest and a skill which opens up so many possibilities now and in later life. A bonus is that involvement in music has been shown to have a positive effect on other aspects of development—social skills, language, physical coordination and emotional development.

Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

March 2022

16-18th March Y5 London Trip

21-25th March Spring assessment week

April 2022

4-18th April Easter Holidays (including Mon 18th April)

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

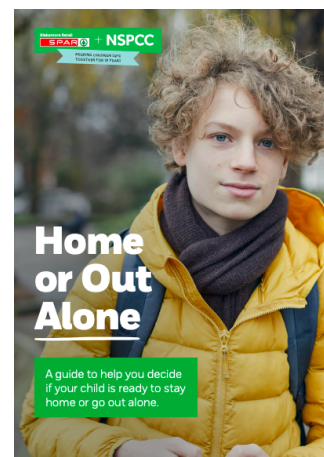
Always looking to improve

To further improve our systems for keeping children safe, all staff will wear hi-vis jackets during break and lunch from today. This ensures children and adults can quickly and easily find support when needed. We know this small change will make a big difference.

NSPCC Stay Home or go out alone guide

As children get older, we recognise that many children will 'pester' parents to walk home from school alone, play out with friends or even stay home alone for a short period of time as they want to grow in independence. This can be a hard decision to make as a parent. The NSPCC has produced a guide to help parents decide whether their child is ready to stay home alone or go out alone. A link to the guide is below.

[NSPCC Stay Home or Go Out](#)



COVID-19

This week we had 2 positive covid cases compared to a high of 55 in one day.
A recap on the key points from the latest guidance:

- Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised by Cheshire East Public Health and UKHSA to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.
- A PCR test should be taken to confirm cases where a pupil has symptoms.
- If a member of the household tests positive then pupils can still attend school, provided they have a negative LFT in the morning.
- Unvaccinated adults who are household contacts will still be expected to attend work with negative LFTs

Reminders

Consent Forms (it is imperative these are completed)

Parent/Carer/Guardian consent forms were sent to all parents from year 1 to 6 electronically prior to half term to give consent for your child to attend events outside of school etc.

Responses are required via Google Forms – if you have not yet replied we would be grateful if you could complete as soon as possible.

[Parent/Guardian Consent Form](#)

[Photograph Consent Form](#)

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.](#)

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.	<u>head@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</u>
Mrs L Gratton	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to EYFS and KS1.	<u>lgratton@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</u> Teaching in reception.
Ms S Stones	Assistant Headteacher	Issues or concerns relating to KS2. Any safeguarding concerns.	<u>sstones@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk</u> Teaching in Y6.



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- Independence
- Opportunity

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