

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are refreshed ready to enjoy the challenges that the 2020-21 academic year holds. We have once again been humbled by the incredible resilience and positivity of our pupils. It has been fantastic to see the children smiling and laughing with their friends and hear classrooms full of the buzz of learning.

It has been a summer of more improvements at The Quinta. One of the improvements we are looking to make is to our newsletter. At the end of last year we asked for feedback and many of you replied with overwhelming positive comments and a few areas we might be able to tweak. We have taken on board your feedback and hope that this year the newsletter has a better layout and different information is shared at different frequencies. We intend to have a monthly celebration of achievements in a much more comprehensive letter. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support as always.



## Key Information i

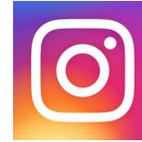
- Do not send your child to school if they have any ill health.
- Miss Hughes has been appointed to teach year 4 for this academic year.
- Mrs Jones, Mrs Dodson, Mrs Frodsham and Mrs Shelmerdine have all been appointed to teach in the new preschool.
- Welcome to Julia, Emily, Georgina and Amir.
- Please send your child in with travel size hand sanitiser and a packet of tissues at your earliest convenience.
- The playground is open for parents to drop off children at 8:45am and no earlier.
- Social distancing update and reminder.
- Follow the one way system.
- Year 4 and 5 parents can exit the school using the short route (yellow Qs) at drop off and pick up.
- Preschool parents please use the small wooden gate when dropping off.
- For lunchboxes, the safest option is tupperware. However, as long as the lunchbox can be wiped down these will be accepted too.
- Funding has been received for a new kitchen which is planned to be completed by October half term so only sandwiches options are available.
- Latest Covid Risk assessment available on the school website : [http://www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/754195](http://www.thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/754195)



## Safeguarding

Having discussions with our children about their social media usage may not always be easy. This checklist has key questions and tips to ensure that children are safe online while using Instagram. Instagram is a photo and video sharing app (for 13+) where children can also send and receive direct messages.

Also be aware of fake news posted on social media sites. A good place to check to see if any articles or posts are genuine is <https://fullfact.org/>



[Instagram checklist for parents/children](#)

## Reminders

- Nut allergies
- PE kits for PE days

We have a large number of children with severe nut allergies. We are a nut free school so please ensure all packed lunches and snacks are nut free.

Please remember that your child can come to school in their P.E. kits for P.E. days. You should have had a note on seesaw to let you know when your child has P.E. This is different in the reception classes. The children will have their P.E. kits in school to change into.

## Dates

- 17th September: Jeans for Genes day
- 6th October: Tempest photographs (individual)
- 13th October: Year group curriculum evenings

Children can come to school in jeans on this day but with their Quinta uniform on the top half. We ask for a £1 contribution for 'Genetic Disorders UK'.

Tempest photography will be in school to take photographs of the children individually and in family groups.

As we cannot have parents' evening this autumn term we have decided to do a curriculum evening for each year group instead. This will be either delivered online to parents via Zoom or a video. You will be informed which nearer the date.



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## Illness

If your child is ill in any way, please think carefully before sending them in. The risk of transmission and ramifications by 'chancing' one day is simply not worth the risk to the wider school community. If in doubt, keep your child at home.

## The growing Quinta family

A warm, Quinta welcome to our newest pupils: Julia Bialczak (C8), Emily Campbell-Wood (C9), Georgina Carey (C6) and Amir Hamza (C6). We are so happy to have you here with us. Another welcome goes to our youngest reception children who have started their half days with us. They came in so beautifully.

We are really pleased to announce the latest appointments to our growing staff. Miss Hughes will be taking over from Mrs Kinsey when she goes on maternity leave. We wish Mrs Kinsey all the best and Miss Hughes has already started in school now to ensure a smooth transition.

Our preschool staff have started this week and we are thrilled to have Mrs Connor, Mrs Dodson, Mrs Jones, and Mrs Shelmerdine and Mrs Frodsham ready to welcome our lovely preschool children next week. They are so excited to get started and show all our youngest pupils the brand new setting next week. It's fantastic!

## Hand Sanitiser and tissues

We are advising parents and guardians to send their child into school with their own hand sanitiser and a packet of tissues. Hand washing will take place when the children arrive at school, before break and before lunch and whenever they use the toilet or cough/sneeze. All other instances will either be hand washing or hand sanitising.

## Playground opening at 8:45

Please remember that no one should be entering the school playground until 8:45a.m apart from wraparound. This morning the playground was very busy from 8:30. When you are arriving on the playground try to adhere to the 2 metre rule and stay with your family only.

## Social distancing

In order for our pupils to stay in school it is imperative that social distancing is adhered to. We must be mindful that we do not congregate and after reflecting on the day we have a few tweaks to make.

- Please only arrive at school at the time that your child's class has been given.
- If you have more than one child arrive at school at the latest collection time. Your other children will be kept in their classes until that time. This will stop parents from waiting on the playground.

## One Way System

After reflecting on today, year 4 and 5 parents can follow the yellow Qs in and out of school when dropping off and picking up. Therefore, there is no longer a need for year 4 and 5 parents to go all the way around the playground. This will ease the congestion around the year 6 classrooms and the narrow gate. It will also lessen the amount of pedestrians in the carpark.



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## Timings

We have staggered our pick up times at the end of the day to avoid having too many adults on the school grounds. It is really important that you arrive on time to pick up your child/children and not earlier. Here is a reminder of the times for pick up:

Preschool morning 12:00 afternoon / all day 3:00

Reception morning 11:10 afternoon 3:10

Year 1 and 2 3:10pm

Year 3 and 4 3:20pm

Year 5 and 6 3:30pm