



Dear parents and carers,

The engagement from our school community around online learning has been amazing. We have loaned out 22 ipads to support families where they were using mobile phones or sharing devices or didn't have access to a device. This week over 400 children engaged in online learning, uploading work and getting feedback and support from The Quinta team. Every day is bookended by a video from your class team, a good morning at the start of the day and a story at the end. The staff are working around the clock recording videos, reading over and annotating slides, feeding back during the day, contacting families in need of support, organising iPad loans, helping parents who have nowhere to turn at short notice. I could not be more proud of the hard work, commitment and passion The Quinta staff have continued to show in these incredibly challenging times. Thank you so much for the emails and messages sent in to school, recognising the work they are all doing, it really does make a big difference.

These are the latest figures from around our school. As you can see the figures are falling but still considerably higher than the peak last year.



Thank you to all parents and carers who are following our advice: If you can keep your children at home, then keep them at home. It's hard for everyone. We appreciate the challenges; some of our teachers are going home after work to start again with their own children's remote learning because they know their children are safer at home doing no work during the day than they are being in school.

This also frees up a place for a family who have no childcare options available to them. We will only keep Congleton safe by working together so thank you for the part you are playing.

Have a safe weekend,
Will Sharpe

Key Information

Reception 2021-22 admissions close today

The school remains over-subscribed for places. It is essential that you register before close of the day today as it is **highly unlikely** a late application will successfully gain a place in Reception at The Quinta next year. To ensure you don't miss out make sure you have completed the application on this link: [2021-22 Reception place at The Quinta](#)

If you know of someone who should have applied, give them a reminder. We regularly have disappointed parents who fail to secure a place because they missed the deadline and the application was then processed once all other applications had been designated.

Remote learning:

How do we know what's being done?

Class teachers are reviewing and feeding back where necessary on all work submitted. For maths, reading and writing they are also logging the work completed so that we are able to intervene and support where there are obvious challenges with engagement.

	Week 1: 4/1/21												
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Online and offline support for parents

[Link to the google slides](#) These slides were sent to Seesaw this week. There are some activity ideas for children to complete offline and some useful websites/ online games to use at home.

Celebrations



Congratulations Class 4 for completing the most home learning each day this week. Miss Bailey is very proud of you all. 76% of the class have completed every task set.





This afternoon we rang up two very excited Y6 pupils to pass on the roles of head boy and head girl for the spring term. Aidan and Faith T exemplify our Quinta standards through and through and we are so proud to be able to give them these roles. We look forward to being able to celebrate this achievement with them in person. Well done!



Safeguarding

During this time you may be thinking about developing some independence in your older children or may even be leaving your children at home alone for a period of time while on work calls etc. The NSPCC has shared a really informative guide around children being home alone including what the law says about this, how you can prepare your child for this and important numbers when to call them. Our topic this half term in PHSCE is keeping safe and managing risk so discussions around being safe in the house, emergency services are particularly relevant to our children right now.

[NSPCC - Home Alone Guide](#)

Reminders

✓ Reading Plus and TTRockstars

Please ensure that your child is still logging onto TTRockstars and is completing their expected correct answers for the week. KS2 parents are reminded that at least 5 Reading Plus lessons are expected to be completed each week. Thank you.

✓ Morning snacks

If your child is still coming into school then please send them to school with a morning snack. The fruit scheme and milk for our under 5s has stopped for the next couple of weeks.

Community

Cheshire Families magazine

Please find below the link to the [Cheshire Families magazine](#)



Free music online after school clubs starting Monday 18th January

Conductive music company have created two **FREE** after school clubs aimed at Year 4-Year 8 students. They will run until half term.

Each course includes 8 lessons for Years 4-8: one on Music Production (Technology Club), one on Musical Video Games.

The Music Video Games School will run each Tuesday and Friday from 4pm - 5pm.

The Music Technology Club (Music production) will run each Monday and Wednesday from 4pm - 5pm.

Read this link to find out more

[Free music after school clubs](#)