

Key Information

Permissions - Action Required

When your child registers at The Quinta we collect your permission for a range of things from visits in the local area, to images and videos. By default your child's permissions will remain unaltered from previously obtained permissions. If your child is new or you haven't filled out a permissions form please do so on the following links. Alternatively, if you would like to amend, discuss or check these permissions please contact the school office.



Consent Form - Participating in activities 2023-2024 and ongoing

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child participating in the listed activities. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for activities.



Consent Form - Photographic and Video 2023-2024 and ongoing

We require a parent/carer/guardian consent form for 2023-2024 and ongoing. Please read the following agreement and give your consent to your child being photographed or videoed. If at any time you wish to withdraw your consent please inform the school in writing.

Please [click here](#) to access the consent form for photographs and video.

See below list of permissions:

Photographing and videoing my child.

Using images of my child on the school website.

Using videos of my child on the school website.

Using images of my child on social media.

Using videos of my child on social media,.
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As an integral part of teaching and learning via See Saw.

The local media using images of my child to publicise school events and activities (only including the organisations outlined above).

The local media Using videos of my child to publicise school events and activities (only including the organisations outlined above).

Using images of my child in marketing material, e.g. the school brochure and prospectus.

Sharing my child's data with a school-appointed external photography company for official school images. This includes the following:

- Name
- Class
- Roll number

Attendance to Fieldwork in the local area

Attendance to Sports and athletics events during the day

Visits to the local High Schools

Swimming lessons

Sex & Relationship Education

Local churches, library, gallery, museum

School shows, festivals and concerts

Travelling in staff/parent car (appropriate car seat and insurance assured)

Club Attendance

If your child cannot attend a club then please can we ask that you send a note into school to give to the teacher who runs the club so that registers can be updated. If there are two sessions in a row where children do not attend clubs, they will risk losing their place in this and any other clubs.

A Prompt Start to the School Day

In the mornings, as we support children with settling into their new classes and developing their independence, we encourage the children to have their belongings ready and with them so that they walk into the classroom promptly. If you need to speak to the teacher, please ensure that your child is in class already and if you have forgotten to give your child something, please bring it round to the office.

Checking Your Child's Belongings

It has been noticed that there has been a number of people approaching the School Office with forgotten items. Please can we ask that all children are delivered to school with all that they need and any forgotten items being

delivered to the School Office prior to 10am.

School Admissions

Please find below details from Cheshire East of deadlines for school admissions for this year.

- Applications process starts on 1st September 2023
- Deadline for Secondary Applications is 31st October 2023
- Deadline for Primary Applications is 15th January 2024
- Offer day for Secondary Applications is 1st March 2024
- Offer day for Primary Applications is 16th April 2024

Cheshire East strongly encourage applications to be made online. A link to their web page for further information is below.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Signed

Mr Sharpe
Head Teacher



Reminders

Nut allergies - 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.

PE Kit - 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.

Attendance - Holidays in Term Time

This year we are looking to improve even further with attitudes to learning. Within attitudes to learning we include attendance. Last year our overall attendance was well above the national averages and this contributed to our most successful year for pupil performance. We did not issue any fixed penalty notices last year due to the national disruption and the isolated cases that fell within this permissible action. With teacher strikes and additional bank holidays it felt disingenuous to then fine for a few days over. However this year we will be issuing FPNs for unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days)

We advise parents/carers to avoid taking children out of school in term time. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised. If parents/carers decide to take child/children out of school, please call into the school office for a Leave of Absence form to be completed - this is so that we can accurately identify where a child is. Where we believe a child has been on holiday when we have been told they are on holiday we reserve the right to ask for medical evidence or fine.

Please remember that taking your child out of school without the school's authorisation may result in the school requesting the Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to each parent/carer for each child.

The penalties are shown below.

Please be aware that only a few days of absence can impact significantly on a child's attendance percentage and consequently the child's education and learning. Missing one week per school year is the same as missing half a term of primary education - 140 lessons. 60% of primary aged pupils who missed more than 19 days did not achieve the expected standard in 2019.

Holidays exceeding 10 or more sessions will result in a fixed penalty notice as explained below.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two Children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent as per the definition in the education act, section 576	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance	A summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds you have failed to secure your child's regular attendance

Children on Social Media The Quinta Primary has a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, if you do not wish for any images of your child to be used on these platforms please let the School Office know.

Coats Your child will be outside if it's raining. **If they do not bring a coat to school they will be wet.** Children will have the option to stay under the lodge, shelter under the key stage 1 classrooms or under the hall canopy. Children will only be inside if the temperature is unbearably cold.

Healthy School Snacks

Snacks play a major part in children's diets. Here are ideas for healthy snacks for children in the classroom and afterschool programs:

Fruits and vegetables

Dried Fruit – raisins, dried apricots, dried mango.

Healthy Grains - bread, crackers, cereal bars

Dairy – yogurt, cheese

Children will be told to put unhealthy snacks back in their lunchboxes if they are seen eating them at playtime. **Bread, fruit, vegetables and dairy are permitted.** Crisps, chocolate, sweets and *cakes are not permitted. The school occasionally allows unhealthy treats such as cake as part of fundraising or celebration days. You will be notified of these days.

Drinks in school

Please can you ensure your child has water in their bottle. There are occasions where some children will only drink water with cordial and if this is the case then exceptions can be made. However, if your child brings energy drinks, carbonated drinks or other branded bottles, they will be given them back at the end of the day to take home. Children have access to water to fill up during the day.

School Uniform

Here at The Quinta we pride ourselves on how smart all our students present themselves everyday. As we approach half term we would like to politely remind parents to ensure the correct school uniform is used - no trainers with uniform, remember ties and correct PE kit.

Our school uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear, please see contact details below. All items of uniform can be purchased from DP Sportswear not just our logoed uniform.

Address: 50 Bromley Road, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1PT

Telephone: 01260 274400 Email: sales@dpsportswear.co.uk

School Communications and Applications

Seesaw

Seesaw is the application that we use within school to document your child's learning journey. If you require further information regarding this please see below.

[Seesaw app information](#)

[Welcome to Seesaw handout](#)

It might help you to print out the QR code and keep this as once you log out of your child's account you will need the code to log back in again. If you are having difficulties please see your child's class teacher.

School Spider

School Spider is The Quinta Primary School's main form of communication. If you are new to the school or are having problems using the application please follow the steps below.

For new parents

To create an account with School Spider:

- Download the FREE School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click 'Create Account'
- Input the email address we have on file for your child/children
- Follow the steps in the email you receive. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

For existing parents

If you have used School Spider before but you cannot remember your login details:

- Make sure you have the latest version of School Spider App
- Select our school
- Click Parent Login
- Click Forgot Password
- Enter your email address and it will send you a reset password link and username. Please note, your username is NOT your email address

[Parent App Guide.pdf](#)

SEND



Cheshire East Information Advice and Support

CEIAS

Information Session

**Annual Reviews and Choosing a school with an
EHCP**

Cheshire East Information Advice and Support Service are holding an online parent and carers Information session on Thursday 28th September between 10am and 11.30 am.

This will focus on the Annual Review process for Education Health and Care Plans and the process of choosing a setting.

This is an online event via Microsoft Teams

To book a place on this coffee morning please contact us via Email:
ceias@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 123 5166

Leave a message or email your name and contact details and we will add you to our booking list.

We will send you a link to join online a couple of days before the event.

Many Thanks

The CEIAS Team

Visyon's Families and Communities Team (Autumn Term)

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We offer a wide selection of parent carer workshops to local families (with children aged 8+), which are detailed below. We schedule several workshops each month, which we advertise with the help of the local schools and via social media. Should you require any further information, please contact Visyon's Families and Communities Team.

[\(FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk\)](mailto:FamiliesandCommunitiesTeam@Visyon.org.uk)

These workshops are FREE OF CHARGE and open to all families in Cheshire East.

For more information on the parent/carer workshops please [click here](#)

Bonfire Night at the Wacky Warehouse

The Wacky Warehouse at the Heath Farm is holding a special event for children with additional needs and SEND who struggle with loud noises. They are welcomed to play for free on Bonfire night!

♥ Heath Farm Wacky Warehouse Congleton
Further more on BONFIRE NIGHT 🎆 this year we will be opening the wacky for all children with additional needs/SEN who struggle with loud noises and fireworks. This will be FREE entry for those that come...booking will be required for numbers. From 4pm onwards.
Either message the page, pop in or give us a call.



SEND Support and Paperwork

Last week information was shared about the changes to high needs funding. Cheshire East's expectations around hours and paperwork at school level has also changed.

The school SEND stages are

First Concerns: These are written by class teachers. This is any child needing additional support or interventions from the class teacher or TA for 6 hours or more a week. The child can stay on this stage until their needs change where they can be removed or moved up.

School Support Plan: These are written by key adults and class TAs. This is for any child receiving over 12 hours additional support or intervention from the class teacher or TA but still requiring additional support. When a child gets to 20 hours or more additional support the school can apply for a Needs Assessment.

Now staff have spent three weeks with the children SEND paperwork will be started next week.

Exciting Opportunities

The Quinta Open Day

We are holding a whole school open day on Sunday 15th October, if you know of anyone who would like to join our Quinta family please pass the information on 😊

JOIN US AND TAKE A LOOK

We are holding an whole school open day, from Preschool right up to Year 6, on Sunday 15th October. If your child is interested in join us during this academic year or our Reception 2024 intake feel free to come along. All the family are welcome and to book simply contact the school office on the details below.

What you'll see...

Cancer Research Need Your Old Toys

The Cancer Research Shop on Bridge Street, Congleton are running low on toys and they would be really grateful for any of your donations. By supporting Cancer Research you'll be helping to raise much-needed funds for life-saving work.

A graphic featuring a large blue speech bubble with the text "Urgent toy appeal" inside. Three teddy bears are positioned around the bubble: one blue at the top left, one pink at the top right, and one purple at the bottom left.

**Urgent
toy
appeal**

Donate in-store:
4th September – 17th September 2023
Cancer Research UK
22 Bridge Street
Congleton
Cheshire
CW12 1AS
01260 273326
CongletonShop@cancer.org.uk
The items sold in our shops help to fund [our life-saving research](#)

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REGULATOR**

Cancer Research UK is a registered charity in England and
Wales (1098454), Scotland (SC042660), the Isle of Man (1313)
and Jersey (247). Registered address: 2 Regent Place, London,
E20 1JG.

 **CANCER
RESEARCH
UK**

Join us for our themed lunch

On Thursday 28th September we are inviting all children to join us for our Back to School Lunch. If you would like your child to take part please order via Scopay by 18th September.



THE QUINTA
BACK TO SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday 28th September
Chicken or quorn egg fried rice with sweetcorn.

Apple crumble and custard and fruit

Assorted drinks

Please order via Scopay by 18th September

R - Main, G - Jacket, H - Ham sandwich, C - Cheese sandwich, F - Tuna sandwich, Y - Vegetarian, O - Vegan, P - Pasta salad

The poster features a light blue background with a white cloud-like shape at the top. Below the title, there is a row of colorful pencils in various colors (purple, blue, green, yellow, orange, red, pink, brown). The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

Orchestral Weekend - 29th and 30th September

Following the success of last year's event the love Music Trust are pleased to announce we will be running a second Orchestral weekend in conjunction with Congleton Youth Orchestra, across the evening of Friday 29th and daytime Saturday 30th September.

The weekend is open to all musicians playing an orchestral instrument and of a grade 4 standard and above, and will consist of full rehearsals, sections and group activities.

As well as those who may already play in an Orchestra, the weekend is ideal for those who may currently play with a Brass Band, String Ensemble, Wind Orchestra, Big Band or Percussion Group but who may not have had the opportunity to see what playing in an orchestra is all about!

There are some excellent orchestral tutors booked onto the course and the Saturday will finish with a short concert from 6:30pm in the Trinity Church, Congleton.

Orchestral instruments include: violin, viola, cello, double Bass, clarinet, flute, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, cornet, trombone, French horn (or tenor horn), tuba and percussion. If you play an instrument not listed here but would like to attend the course, please contact us at admin@lovemusictrust.com.

The cost for the weekend is £65 weekend is open to all children in Cheshire East who are in full time education.

For more information to sign up please follow the link: www.lovemusictrust.com/orchestral-weekend-23

Time Out for Parents Courses

The Time Out For Parents courses include group discussions and practical tasks to help you build on your strengths and give you time and space to think about any changes you want to make. This is a six week course and is free of charge.

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS



THE EARLY YEARS

Sessions for anyone parenting children under 5

Date:
4th October to 15th November
Wednesday 9:30-11:30am
(No meeting wk beg 23rd October)

Venue:
New Life Church
Danesford Community Centre
West Road
Congleton
CW12 4EY

For more info or to book a place:
Contact Alison Timbey on
01260 297961



Congleton High School Open Evening

Join them for their Open Evening 4-8pm on Thursday 28th September. For more information and to book your place please [click here](#)

Year 5 and Year 6 Open Evening
Thursday 28th September
From 4-8pm
Click [here](#) to book your place



Eaton Bank Academy Open Evening

One of our local high schools is having an open evening on Thursday 21st September, pop along and see the exciting learning environment that they have there and what they have to offer.

Discover
Eaton Bank Academy



Dance Workshops with Sophie Moores

We are offering Dance Workshops with Sophie Moores here at The Quinta Primary School during the next term. These have been specially designed for those children in Year 1 and Year 2. Take a look at all of the exciting elements she has packed into her sessions below and if you'd like to book or for further information please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com

- Creative Dance - every Tuesday, 15:20 - 16:15, 12th September until 17th October
- Baby Ballet - every Wednesday, 15:20 - 16:10, 16th September until 18th October

Rambert grades



CREATIVE DANCE WITH SOPHIE

Creative Dance for Early Years is an innovative dance syllabus, created by Rambert Grades. Each dance class will take the children on an imaginative journey with endless themes. An energetic warm up is followed by physical skills development as the children learn structured movement material. Creative intuition is encouraged with a closing creative exploration to dive deep into their imagination. Swimming with whales, flying rockets to the moon or adventuring through the desert- every class is different.

Each session will explore movement in a new way and help to develop physical skills, harness musicality and empower confidence in young children

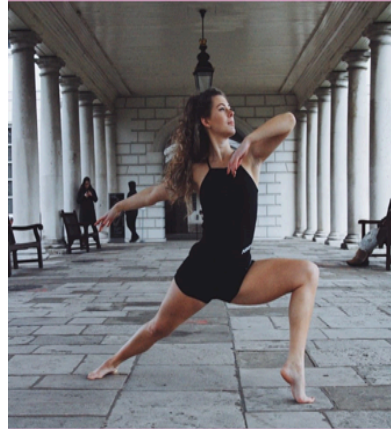
WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.
WHEN? 12th September – 17th October 2023, 15:20-16:15 every **TUESDAY**.
WHO? The club is open to Years 1 & 2.
HOW MUCH? The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**

I will be submitting up to twelve children for the **Creative Movers examination** during the last two weeks of this term. If you would like your child to be entered for this dance exam, the extra cost of this is £22, which is paid straight to Rambert Grades.

Each child will have the opportunity to take a Rambert Grades exam, which are a celebration of each student's progress at the end of each grade. Each child is rewarded with a bright fabric badge and a certificate (children will only be entered for exams when they are ready, during the Autumn term). Children who move through the grades are commended on six qualities: Communication, Teamwork, Generosity, Effort, Listening and Enthusiasm.



To secure your place and process your payment, or for further information, please email .



BABY BALLET

Baby Ballet with Sophie is an inspiring, creative and imaginative Ballet class for young children. This class aims to introduce young dancers to basic Classical Ballet technique using imaginative methods and ideas. The dancers will also explore creative skills, experience miming and acting, and replicate technical choreography.

As a professional dancer I have trained in London for three years and graduated with a BA Honours in Contemporary Dance. I then went on to become a part of a professional Contemporary and Physical Theatre company called JV2 (Jasmin Vardimon Company) for a year. I now work as a freelance dance artist and teach a range of dance workshops, classes and intensives at institutions, schools and companies across the North West.

WHERE? The Quinta Primary School.
WHEN? 13th Sept – 18th Oct 2023, 15:20-16:10 every **WEDNESDAY**.
WHO? The club is open to Years 1 & 2 pupils.
HOW MUCH? The six-week course is £30 per student (£5 per class). This payment will be made in full, upfront, for the duration of the full course. (In the circumstance of an absence, no refunds will be made) **SPACES ARE LIMITED!**



Please email sophiemoores37@gmail.com to secure your place and process your payment.



Friends of Quinta - PTA



Your PTA Needs You

Friends of Quinta are looking for support to help with their amazing fundraising events.

We hold termly discos, an annual Summer Fair along with a Christmas Winter Wonderland. In addition to these, we would like to hold some further events such as quiz nights, wreath making and a delicious cake night.

To be able to run all of these brilliant events and to raise funds for the school, we need some more help and support from parents; it should only take a few hours of volunteer time and the more support we have, the more we can do. Initially we would like a couple of parents from each class if possible. The main aim for these individuals will be to raise awareness of the events within their year groups and consequently across the school.

If you would be interested in being a class rep please let your child's class teacher know and we welcome you aboard the Friends of Quinta PTA team. For further information please contact sbm@thequitna.cheshire.sch.uk

The Quinta Primary School lottery

The Quinta Primary School lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children, improve the school environment as well as run extra curricular activities such as music, art and sport.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

- Will Sharpe - Headteacher

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-quinta-primary-school>

EasyFundraising

EasyFundraising turn daily shopping into everyday magic!

Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice, that being The Quinta Primary School if you sign up using the link below. It won't cost you any extra, the cost is covered by the brand.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=181267&invite=1wsoly&referral-campaign=c2s>

By simply signing up to the EasyFundraising website The Quinta Primary School will receive a £5 bonus - an easy way to support the school without too much hassle!

Safeguarding

- Mr Sharpe (headteacher) DSL - Designated Safeguard Lead
- Mrs Bernard (SENCO) Deputy DSL
- Ms Stones (assistant headteacher) Deputy DSL
- Mrs Wootton (Y4 class teacher) Deputy DSL
- Miss Stephanie Massey (Deputy DSL)

Sun safety tips:

- Spend time in the shade when the sun is strongest. In the UK, this is between 11am and 3pm from March to October.
- Never burn cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- Take extra care with children use at least factor 30 sunscreen

[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

Dates

[Click here for holiday dates](#)

- Friday 15th September all of year 6 will be going to CHS for the whole day. Register will be taken here at school then we will take the children across.
- Tempest Photography - Individual and Sibling Photos - 11th October 2023 - if you do not wish for your child to be photographed please let the school office know.
- Tempest Photography - Class Groups and Year 6 Leavers - 23rd May 2024

Sporting dates for your Diaries

Bee Active

- Monday 16th October KS1 Team Building
- Monday 4th December KS2 Sports Explorers
- Monday 5th February KS1 Gymnastics
- Monday 11th March KS2 Inclusive sports and wheelchair basketball
- Monday 15th April KS1 Olympics
- Monday 20th May KS2 Combat Dodgeball

Skip-hop(last time as Lee is retiring)

- Tuesday 30th April and Wednesday 1st May

Watersports

- Year 3 Thursday June 20th
- Year 4 Wednesday 10th July
- Year 5 Wednesday 19th June
- Year 6 Wednesday 22nd May

Swimming pool in use 9th-18th July



Key Assessment Dates

Attendance all year round is extremely important for your child's well being and progress however there are some key dates within the year that their attendance is imperative for national assessment, these dates are as follows:

- Key Stage One Phonics Screening Check - w/c 10th June 2024
- Key Stage One SATs - throughout May 2024
- Year 4 Multiplication Check - within the two week period commencing 3rd June
- Key Stage 2 SATs Week - Monday 13th until Thursday 16th May

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
Mrs S Hoyle	School Business Manager	Any issues pertaining to the school office, preschool booking.	sbm@thequinta.cheshire.sch.uk In the school office.