

# 11 February 2021

## School Newsletter



## Important Dates

### February

12 Professional Development for QSI Staff - No School

15 Distance Learning Day (Lessons at home)

17 SO Nominations

26 End of Quintile 3

### March

1-5 Literacy Week (tentative)

2 Director Chat (Teams) & PSG Meeting - Online at 7 PM ( [Click here to join the meeting](#) )

## Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

This week the newsletter is being sent one day earlier. This is because the academic week is completed this Thursday due to QSI's professional development on Friday. This means that distance learning lessons will not occur this Friday. Students will not need to attend any classes on Friday. Distance learning lessons will resume next Monday on the 15th.

As many of you may have read in the news, the German government met yesterday to review current COVID lockdown measures for the entire country. The news is reporting the German federal government made some adjustments to the lockdown. For clarity purposes, I will focus only on lockdown adjustments that impact our school's current distance learning program and future reopening plans.

To start with, I wanted to share the important facts I acquired since lockdown adjustments were shared last night in the news. Below are some of the bulleted facts taken from various news sources:

- German federal government is allowing individual states to determine if/when schools can open up
- The NRW state has communicated that the earliest that schools could possibly open up is Feb 22
- The NRW educational department will share details on how to open on Feb 11
- NRW educational department may create reopening guidelines that include a modified school schedule, selected age groups, or other adjustments that require changing our traditional full-day schedule.

When I share this type of information, I also like to share the sources. Below are the links to the news articles where I pull the information.

NRW News: <https://www1.wdr.de/nachrichten/landespolitik/lockdown-corona-nrw-schulen-laschet-100.html>

German News: <https://www.dw.com/en/covid-germany-extends-lockdown-until-march/a-56520479>

Beyond the news updates, I will be checking with the NRW department of education for specific details on any changes regarding schools opening in this area. At the moment, I am regularly checking the NRW webpage for updated information. Below is the link to the NRW department of education and their communication records:

<https://www.schulministerium.nrw.de/ministerium/schulverwaltung/schulmail-archiv>

Once updated reopening information from the NRW department is provided, I will start working on a reopening plan. (At the time of writing this letter, the webpage has not been updated. I am anticipating they will provide information for QSI to open at some capacity). As soon as a clear reopening plan is created, I will share the details with the QSI community as soon as possible.

It is exciting to see an improvement in the current COVID situation so we can start planning to reopen. Like you, the QSI staff is eagerly waiting to return to campus with the students.

If you have any questions about the above information, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

## Coming Soon: 3-9 YO Success Orientation Day

**Keep an eye open for details from the 3-9 YO teachers about a special Success Orientation Day on February 17th. Your child will have the opportunity to demonstrate and practice a variety of the school's Success Orientations at home on this day.**

## Changing Art Pictures



*1 - Student draws a picture with a fold in the middle...*



*2 - Open up the picture and it changes!*

## Snow in Munster









## Survey from QSI HQ

Below is a link to a parent survey from QSI HQ. The survey is connected to the Middle States Association (MSA) accreditation process. Having your input on the process is important. If you could, please complete the survey (it is an 11 questions survey).

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7TdOg7-2-EKAydkkVDvENykmCVxrsTFAjhwHegqpfX5UNEpTUjBUUktVOVRIUzFDNFUzVUZNR1pUMy4u>

For those new to QSI, MSA is the independent organization that accredits our school. Part of the accreditation process involves the completion of a survey from the community stake holders. The input from the families is an important component of the process. Thank you for supporting the school by taking the survey.

## INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



## TRUSTWORTHINESS



# CONCERN FOR OTHERS



# RESPONSIBILITY





# GROUP INTERACTION



# KINDNESS & POLITENESS



# AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



## Parent Support Group (PSG) Contact

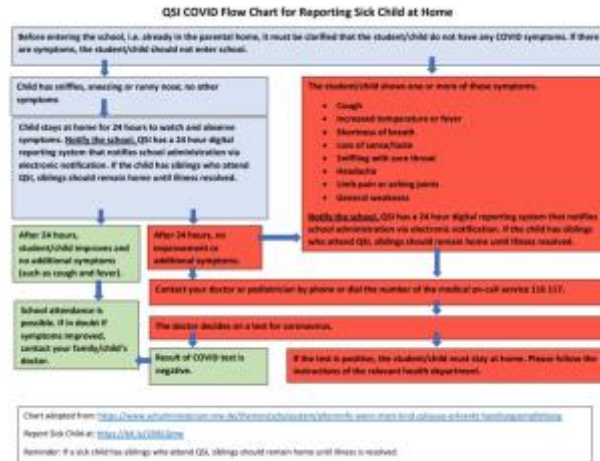
The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

WhatsApp: Contact Mrs. Lawes at [lauralawes@outlook.com](mailto:lauralawes@outlook.com) to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Facebook: You can find the PSG Facebook page at the link - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1626025644281325>

## Absence Reporting Form

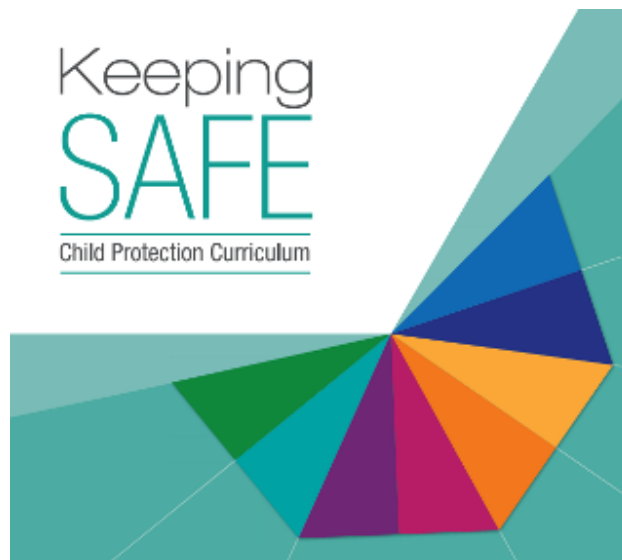
If your child will be absent, please complete the absence form. [Click here for the form.](#)



## Early Departure Form

If you are picking up your child in the middle of the school day, please complete this form so the school can record the departure. [Click here for the Early Departure Form.](#)

## Keeping Safe Curriculum



Homeroom teachers have started to include the Keeping Safe Curriculum in the weekly lessons. These are short lessons that educate children on how to keep themselves safe and who to ask for help in unsafe situations. This is a global curriculum that QSI uses at all campuses. Below is a list of the key themes and focus areas that students will study. More information on the program can be [found here](#).

### Themes

The curriculum follows 2 main themes:

- we all have the right to be safe
- we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

### Focus areas

The 2 themes are explored through 4 focus areas:

- the right to be safe
- relationships
- recognizing and reporting abuse
- protective strategies.

## Playground Reminder

Please remember that the school playground is not accessible while school is in session between 8:00 AM and 3:45 PM.

## QSI Safety Reminders Via Success Orientations



**SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS**



**WEAR A  
MASK**





**BE RESPONSIBLE**



**WASH YOUR  
HANDS**

## Community Announcements

If you know of any upcoming family friendly activities or events that maybe of interest to our QSI families, please share them and they can be added to this section. NOTE: Any event shared is not connected to QSI.

## QSI School Operations During COVID-19:2020-2021

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[Click here to access the COVID-19 Operations PDF file.](#)

[Click here for 2020-2021 Parent/Student Informed Consent Letter – Covid19.](#)

You can sign and e-mail to [brian-garner@munster.qsi.org](mailto:brian-garner@munster.qsi.org). You will be able to sign at school as you drop your child off at the entrance.

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## Scheduled Appointment on Campus

If you have a scheduled appointment for an "in the building meeting" with Dr. Garner or Ms. Siejen, please make sure to complete the electronic visitor form on our entrance door.

The visitor form is a QR code that can be scanned by your phone. The QR code takes you to an electronic form so you can input your information. If you are new to using a QR code, [click here for a tutorial on scanning a QR code](#). I will also place a link to the form in this QR article. [Click here to access the form without the QR code](#).

Thank you for supporting our contact tracing system.

## School Calendar

### School Calendar 2020-2021

#### **First Term**

First Day	27 August (Thursday)
Last Day:	18 December (Friday)
Holidays:	19 – 26 October (Monday - Monday) Autumn Break 26 – 27 November (Thursday - Friday) Staff Professional Development 21 December – 08 January (3 Week) Winter Break
Quintile 1:	27 August – 15 October
Quintile 2:	16 October – 16 December
Quintile 3:	17 December – 26 February

Number of school days: 74

#### **Second Term**

First Day:	11 January (Monday)
Last Day:	26 March (Friday)
Holidays:	12 February (Friday) Staff Professional Development 15 February (Monday) Rosenmontag (online learning day)
Quintile 4:	01 March – 27 April

Number of school days: 54

#### **Third Term**

First Day:	29 March (Monday)
Last Day:	24 June (Thursday)
Holidays:	02 – 09 April (Friday – Friday) Spring Break 13 – 14 May (Thursday – Friday) Ascension 24 – 25 May (Monday – Tuesday) Whit Monday 03 – 04 June (Thursday - Friday) Corpus Christi
Quintile 5:	28 April – 24 June

Number of school days: 52

Total Number of School Days: 180  
The school week is Monday through Friday.

## Stay in Contact

Thank you for selecting QSI International School of Münster and trusting us with your child's education. If you have a question on the curriculum being taught, the curriculum can be viewed at <http://curriculum.qsi.org/>. Should you have a question or concern regarding the content or selected assessments, please reach out to the teacher or the school Director. If you need to contact me, my contact information is below.

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