



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 5th March 2021

It is great news that we shall be welcoming all the children back to school, to their bubbles from Monday 8th March. All the staff are really looking forward to seeing the children in class once again. Thank you so much for the fantastic support you have given your children with the remote learning, we know many of you are juggling your own work and other children, alongside the work for your children who attend Cotteridge. It has been a mammoth job and we think you are all amazing!

You will have received our full reopening plans, but if you haven't seen them yet, they are on the school website for you to read.

The main things I would ask from parents and carers is that when collecting or dropping off children, everyone wears a mask (unless exempt), there is only one adult on site per family, they follow the one way system, they don't allow children to play on the play equipment at drop off and collection times and you maintain social distancing whilst on the school site and don't linger!

We have allowed more than one adult on site during the partial closure of the school but staff will be reinforcing the one adult rule from Monday. Please work with us and don't put us in the uncomfortable position of having to challenge you.

On Monday morning, we want the return to school to be memorable and fun. Therefore, myself and four other staff are going to be welcoming the children in crazy inflatable costumes. I would rather that was kept as a surprise where possible, however I know that some children can become distressed by people in big costumes such as mascots, so if you have a child who might be upset or frightened, please prepare them in the best way possible for this happening. We certainly don't want upset children!

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday.

Jason Willetts

Playground Pick Up

Please use the one way system. In through the carpark gate, out through the two pedestrian gates. It is appreciated if all adults on the playground wear a mask.

Please follow social distancing guidelines, keeping 2m apart at all times.

Only one adult for each family – we are trying to keep adult numbers on the playground as low as possible.

Children in Year 6 or Year 3 can meet their parents in the infant playground. Please just let the teacher know.

Please don't let children play on the playground equipment at home time. This means extra cleaning for us and we're trying to keep the children's bubbles separate.

Diary Dates

March 2021

Mon 8th ALL Children Return To School

April 2021

Thur 1st Teacher Training Day

Fri 2nd Bank Holiday. School Closes For Easter Holiday

Mon 19th School Re-opens For Summer Term

May 2021

Thur 6th School Closed For Elections

Wed 26th Year 6 Residential Trip To Malvern

Fri 28th Teacher Training Day. School Closes For Half Term.

June 2021

Mon 7th School Re-opens For Second Half Of Summer Term

Tue 8th Group Photos

You are never alone!

We want you to know that we are still here for everyone in our school community. If you are struggling in any way, be it with school work, behaviour or providing food for your family, please feel free to contact us at school on **0121 464 2865** or email us on:

j.willetts@cotridge.bham.sch.uk

z.burnett@cotridge.bham.sch.uk or

k.lacey@cotridge.bham.sch.uk



Follow Cotteridge Primary School on Twitter where we will share and celebrate children's achievements, successes, events and school updates.

Covid Advice **IMPORTANT**

If your child or **anyone** in your household has **any one of the following**:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste



You should arrange for a coronavirus test for the person displaying symptoms and tell the school at your earliest opportunity. **Everyone** in your household must isolate until the person(s) with symptoms have received a negative test result. **This is also the case if you have had a test without experiencing any symptoms.** Please inform the school of your test results as soon as you have received them, whether negative or positive. Even in the event of a negative test result, children should not return to school if they feel unwell. If your child has a fever, they should not return to school until their temperature has been normal for 48 hours.

REMINDER: To report a child's absence due to Covid, please report this via the online form on our school website. There are two forms—one for reporting an absence due to displaying symptoms and awaiting a test/test results and one for reporting an absence due to receiving a positive test result. This new system will enable parents and carers to contact school quickly. This means that you can contact us at any time with this information, including when school is closed. When you submit a form, an alert will go to the senior leadership team who will seek advice and take the recommended actions.

Year 6 Residential Trip To Malvern

A few parents have enquired as to whether the Year 6 Residential Trip to Malvern on 26th to 28th May is likely to take place.



Throughout the pandemic, we have been in regular contact with Boundless Outdoors and they have advised us that the latest government guidance is that school residential trips CAN take place in May. Therefore, as it stands currently, this year's residential trip will be going ahead as planned. If anything changes we will of course communicate this to parents asap.

Face Coverings For Children

Public Health England say: 'It's important that primary school children do not wear face coverings.' We cannot therefore recommend or encourage children wearing face coverings at school and it is unsafe for an adult in school to assist a child with a face covering. If however parents still wish their child to wear a face covering we ask that:

1. Children have clean hands before and after touching – including to remove or put them on
2. Children should not touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing it
3. Children have a sealable plastic bag to store the face covering when not being worn
4. Children have a spare face covering in case theirs becomes damp. Damp face coverings should not be worn and should be replaced carefully
5. Temporary face coverings should be disposed of in 'black bin' waste, not the recycling bin.

School Dinners

Can we please remind ALL parents to book their child's school dinners on School Money. This is



irrespective of if they pay for their school dinners or are entitled to free school meals. This really does help our kitchen to ensure they are cooking enough meals for everyone every day. It also helps us to make sure that parents are only charged for the meals that their child receives and will prevent errors. If you wish to see our menu for March and April, then please go to our website where you will find the menu and a handy calendar which tells you which dinners week we are on. You can find this here: www.cotteridgeprimary.co.uk/school-meals/.

Henry Parenting

Grendon and Billesley Nursery and Family centre (GBNFC), our local Children's centre is continuing to offer fabulous courses over Zoom, including the parenting course - HENRY Healthy Start, Brighter Future.



HENRY supports families to provide the best possible start in life for babies and children. If you would like to find out more, please visit their website at: www.henry.org.uk/. We have also attached their promotional poster along with this Newsletter which tells you more.

COVID-19 Help Guide For Parents

What To Do If	Action Needed	Child To Return To School When...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk · Self-isolate the whole household · Get a test · Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school. · Contact school to inform us immediately by online form, phone or emailing enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk · Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days 	... 10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. (These symptoms can last for several weeks) AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Contact school to inform us. · Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day) 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school. · Contact school to inform us by phone · Ring on each day of illness 	...they feel well / 48 hours have passed following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy).
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk · Self-isolate the whole household · Household member to get a test · Inform school immediately about test result 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school · Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk · Self-isolate the whole household 	...they have completed 10 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Do not come to school. · Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk 	...they have completed 10 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The household member must self-isolate for 10 days · Child can continue to attend school 	Your child can continue to attend school.
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sibling must self-isolate within the household for 10 days · Cotteridge children can continue to attend 	Your child can continue to attend school.
...my child has travelled abroad or I have travelled abroad.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Contact school to discuss with us by phone or by emailing enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk 	...quarantine regulations for the household have been complied with. (The office will ask you a few questions about your travel and will refer to guidance from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office).
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Child must not come to school · Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school · Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days · Other siblings may continue to attend school 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.