



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Class	RB	RD	IH	1P	2B	2S	3A	3B	4B	4T	5PE	5S	6A	6H	Whole School
Attendance %	98.0	100	100	100	97.0	98.8	92.5	96.3	98.2	97.0	99.2	96.7	92.9	97.3	97.4

From Monday 8th March to Thursday 11th March inclusive

Target: 97%

Welcome back everyone! It has been a wonderful week and it's been fantastic to see the children returning to school in such a positive manner. The vast majority have been keen to come back and they have enjoyed learning and playing with their friends and teachers once again. They have missed out on so much both socially and academically, and it is great to see them being children; playing, laughing, giggling and enjoying life! I hope they all enjoyed seeing us dressed up on Monday morning to welcome them back. I can't imagine there was another school in the country where the Head and Deputy greeted their children dressed as a Bunny and a Unicorn!

Attendance this week has been pretty good and we will be reintroducing the Attendance rewards in our whole school assemblies. It is so important that children attend school regularly so that they make the progress of which they are capable.

Punctuality though has not been great. It has been disappointing to see lots of children arriving after the bell at 9am. This is disruptive to the children in class ready to start their learning and more importantly isn't a good start to the day for the individual who is walking in late. It also creates more work for the office staff. I hope that this week's poor timekeeping is because people are getting back into a routine and that things will improve from Monday.

Many thanks to everyone who is co-operating at the beginning and end of school by following our rules, including wearing masks, sticking to the one way system and waiting to be directed into school by myself in the morning. It seems to work very well. What would make it even better would be for parents to not pull up directly outside the gates and release their children straight out of the cars. This often causes problems as we are trying to get everyone safely on and off our school site.

After a full week back I am certain that many children and staff will be exhausted this weekend, so I hope that everyone has the chance to recharge their batteries before we go again next week.

I would like to finish off by saying a huge well done and thank you to all of the parents, carers and staff who have worked so hard during lockdown to maintain children's learning. It was a difficult, almost impossible task, but what a job everyone did and I am so proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful community.

Please stay safe, keep following the rules and hopefully things will continue to get better in the coming months. Have a great weekend!

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 29th Reception Eye Tests

April 2021

Thurs 1st Teacher Training Day

Fri 2nd Bank Holiday. School Closes For Easter Holiday

Mon 19th School Re-opens For Summer Term

May 2021

Thurs 6th School Closed For Elections

Wed 26th Year 6 Residential Trip To Malvern

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



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Reception Eye Tests— Rescheduled

You may remember that originally, the Reception children were due to have their eye tests conducted by the Community Orthoptists on 12th January 2021. This was cancelled due to the previous lockdown. They have contacted us to say that they will now be coming in to school on Monday 29th March to do these. It is presumed that you give consent for your child to have their eye test carried out. If you do not wish for your child to have their eye test then please contact the Community Orthoptists on 0121 466 3551.



Teacher Training Days Next Academic Year

We are pleased to confirm our Teacher Training Days for the next academic Year. Hopefully, this will give you more than enough notice in the event of needing to arrange any childcare:



- Thursday 2nd September 2021
- Friday 3rd September 2021
- Tuesday 4th January 2022
- Monday 25th April 2022
- Monday 6th June 2022

Comic Relief

Next Friday, 19th March, is Comic Relief day. Children can come in their own clothes for a donation of at least £1.00.

Buckets to collect donations will be at the entrance gates in the morning.

Also during the day, all children will take part in the "Cotteridge Comic Relief Challenge". They will have 15 minutes to transport water from one container to another on the playground. At the end of the 15 minutes, the transported water will be thrown at one of their teachers who will be in stocks.

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Dog Fouling On Breedon Road



Unfortunately, this is still a very big problem. We have been in touch with our local Councillor, Mary Locke, who has requested the installation of extra signs, extra street cleaning and extra patrols by the local dog warden.

Obviously, if anyone is seen allowing their dog to foul on the street without it being picked up, they will be issued with a fine. However, it can be tricky for the dog warden/council to catch them in the act! Therefore, it would be a big help if they are able to identify patterns of behaviour i.e. times and places. This is where we all come in—if you see dog foul on the pavement please report it to Birmingham City Council at www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20140/environmental_concerns_and_requests/1688/report_dog_fouling with the date, time and location. This will allow them to narrow down when and where it is happening

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.



Covid 19 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.