



# 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 %	95.0	97.9	98.6	98.9	98.3	99.3	91.8	96.6	96.1	97.6	98.6	96.3	94.9	95.0	96.8

From Friday 12th March to Thursday 18th March inclusive

Target: 97%

After two weeks of being fully opened, the school very much feels as if we're almost back to normal. Keeping the children in class bubbles is a challenge, which everyone, both children and staff, have risen to. It continues to be an absolute delight to see the children so happy to be reunited with their friends and school adults. I've spent time with different classes this week and I am pleased to see that the curriculum is motoring along. In Reception, the children have been making Easter cards and learning about repeating patterns, in Year 3, it's all about the Egyptians whilst Year 5 have been getting to grips with biography. On a personal note, it's been a pleasure to be teaching children again after what feels like a long time.

Today is all about thinking of others and making things fun. The children are having the opportunity to splash their teacher with water in aid of Comic relief and my goodness have they been excited! The teachers not surprisingly have been less so, especially with today's weather!

No one could have missed the increase in traffic, which has been evident on Breedon Road since the pandemic started. Following concerns from both parents and Mr Willetts, the City Council have submitted a proposal for making Breedon Road one way and this plan is now open to consultation. The information is attached to this newsletter along with the email address for parents to make comments. Please do get involved with this, the more views the better.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to parents and grandparents for following our playground guidelines at pick up and drop off. We're very aware that the one way system is a bit of a pain, especially for those with children in multiple year groups, but it does stop people walking in opposite directions to keep everyone safe.

I hope all families have a safe and relaxing weekend. Miss Lacey.

### 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 29 Reception Eye Tests

#### April 2021

Thurs 1 Teacher Training Day

Fri 2 Bank Holiday. School Closes For Easter Holiday

Mon 19 School Re-opens For Summer Term

#### May 2021

Thurs 6 School Closed For Elections

Wed 26 Year 6 Residential Trip To Malvern

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



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

## Parking And Disposing Of Rubbish On Breedon Road

We have had reports that parents are parking inconsiderately along Breedon Road at drop off and pick up times. Driveways are being blocked, double parking is taking place and double/zig zag yellow lines are being ignored. Not only is this very frustrating for our neighbours who live here, but is also very dangerous to other road users and pedestrians. Please can everyone ensure that they are driving/parking considerately and legally!! Also, please do not park in the flats car park. Additionally, it has also been brought to our attention that some parents are bringing their excess rubbish to school and are disposing of it in the big bins in the front car park of the flats opposite. This must stop immediately. It is resulting in the residents of these flats not being able to find space in the bins for their own rubbish.

These bins are private and are not for public use. Thank you.

**BE CONSIDERATE**

## Water Bottles In School

Please could all parents ensure that they provide their child with a clear plastic water bottle every day for school. This is so the children can have a drink of water during the day. Please also make sure that their names are on their water bottles. This prevents the risk of any accidental sharing of bottles/cups. Thank you.



## Safer Routes To School Scheme

Following concerns raised by members of the public about the traffic and the safety of road users and pedestrians around school and surrounding roads, the Council have proposed a Safer Routes to School scheme for Cotteridge School, Stirchley Ward.

Following feedback on the initial design, the proposed scheme has now been amended and comprises of following:

- To introduce 'No entry' at the junction of Breedon Road with Pershore Road
- 20mph roundels
- Carriageway SLOW markings on Pershore Road
- Associated signage and road markings

The drawing SRTS-SK-OXX showing the proposed Safer Routes to School scheme will be sent to parents with this Newsletter email.

Birmingham City Council have asked for parents, staff and local residents to provide their comments/suggestions on the proposed measures by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

If you have any queries regarding the proposed measures, or require any further clarification, please contact Shafaq Khattak by email at [shafqat.khattak@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:shafqat.khattak@birmingham.gov.uk). Alternatively, you can pass your comments on to Councillor Mary Locke at [mary.locke@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:mary.locke@birmingham.gov.uk).

## 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"> <li>· Do not come to school</li> <li>· Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing <a href="mailto:enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk</a></li> <li>· Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>· Get a test</li> <li>· Inform the school immediately about the test result</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>· Do not come to school.</li> <li>· Contact school to inform us immediately by online form, phone or emailing <a href="mailto:enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk</a></li> <li>· Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>· Contact school to inform us.</li> <li>· Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day)</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Do not come to school.</li> <li>· Contact school to inform us by phone</li> <li>· Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>· Do not come to school</li> <li>· Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing <a href="mailto:enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk</a></li> <li>· Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>· Household member to get a test</li> <li>· Inform school immediately about test result</li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Do not come to school</li> <li>· Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing <a href="mailto:enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk</a></li> <li>· Self-isolate the whole household</li> </ul>	...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"> <li>· Do not come to school.</li> <li>· Contact school to inform us by online form, phone or emailing <a href="mailto:enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk</a></li> </ul>	...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"> <li>· The household member must self-isolate for 10 days</li> <li>· Child can continue to attend school</li> </ul>	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"> <li>· Sibling must self-isolate within the household for 10 days</li> <li>· Cotteridge children can continue to attend</li> </ul>	Your child can continue to attend school.
...my child has travelled abroad or I have travelled abroad.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Contact school to discuss with us by phone or by emailing <a href="mailto:enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk">enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk</a></li> </ul>	...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"> <li>· Child must not come to school</li> <li>· Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school</li> <li>· Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days</li> <li>· Other siblings may continue to attend school</li> </ul>	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.