



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 %	96.5	93.1	88.5	92.2	97.2	97.3	97.5	95.5	97.9	97.2	96.7	91.5	93.3	98.6	95.2

From Friday 19th March to Thursday 25th March inclusive

Target: 97%

Spring has sprung and the sunshine is certainly lifting everyone's spirits. I think it's time to hang up my winter coat for another year and embrace the warming temperatures!

After the excitement of last week, this week has been a time for reflection, as it commemorated one year since we went into the first lockdown, when schools closed and lives changed considerably for many. On Tuesday at midday, the whole school came together on the playground to hold a minute's silence in memory of those who have sadly lost their lives during the pandemic and to think of those who have helped us in such challenging times. The children were incredibly respectful and it was a poignant moment for all.

In and across school, the high quality learning continues and the children are embracing being in the classroom with their teacher and friends. The learning opportunities ensure the children are making good progress after much lost time. I have seen some lovely work in books across school and I know the children in Key Stage One are working hard on their pencil grip when doing their writing and focussing well in their daily phonics lessons. In Key Stage Two, this week, there have been writing opportunities aplenty with Year 3 doing some lovely work about Tutankhamen, Year 4 have been writing a story, Year 5 a biography and Year 6 have been writing newspaper articles about random acts of kindness.

As the Easter holiday approaches, I just want to remind you that the children break up on Wednesday 31st March at the normal times.

Finally, thank you to all our parents and carers for maintaining social distancing (a distance of 2m) on entry to the school site and when waiting for your children in order to keep everyone safe and well. This has been a challenging term with the measures we have needed to put in place to protect our community and we truly appreciate your cooperation.

So, in keeping with the theme of the Year 6 writing, let's use this weekend to show random acts of kindness and I wish you all a restful, family time.

Mrs Tucker

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



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

Achieving Excellence

Inspiring Dreams

Comic Relief

We are really proud to announce that our non-school uniform day last



Friday raised a brilliant £482.97 for Comic Relief! The children had a fantastic day soaking their teachers and we think you'll agree we managed to raise an impressive amount for such a worthy cause. Well done everyone!

Smarties Challenge—PTA



This week all children will be coming home with a tube of smarties - an Easter gift from the PTA.

There is a poem on each tube, the idea is that the children do good deeds over the holidays, and are

then rewarded with money/coins (20ps are ideal) with which to fill the tubes and then return them to school. We hope they enjoy this activity! Please return your filled tubes to school by Friday 23rd April.

We would like to thank everyone who joined us for our virtual quiz in February, and helped us to raise £165 for the PTA!

And finally, you should have received your virtual school photos by now. If anyone hasn't, please contact Helen@brightstarphotography.co.uk - you can still make donations to the PTA for your photos, bank transfer details are included in original email.

Internet Safety

From animals doing funny things, to slime-making and game-tutorials, the internet has lots of fun videos for children to enjoy. But the amount and availability of content online means that children may see something inappropriate.

To understand what type of content might not be suitable and advice on how to help your child watch safely, watch this short [video guide](#).

The internet is a public and open space where anyone can post and share content. This can be fun and entertaining for children, but it does mean your child may see something that is intended for adults.

Find out what to do if [you're worried your child might see something inappropriate online](#) or what to do [if they already have](#).

Children love to watch videos and YouTube is always a firm favourite! But sometimes children can be exposed to videos that are not meant for them. [YouTube Kids](#) is a safer way for children to explore their interests. You can find more information about this on [YouTube: what parents need to know](#).

Free School Uniform

We've had many generous donations of school uniform from families and we'd like to give it back to our school community.

We know it's not the easiest time for families to replace school clothes as many shops are closed. Dresses, polo shirts, jumpers and trousers have been kindly donated.

Please come to school between 9:00am—10:00am on the morning of Tuesday 30th March to collect a bag of free uniform.

We look forward to seeing you.

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.