



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday 2nd October 2020

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ATTENDANCE

Whole School Target is 97%

	EYFS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
Attendance %	98%	95%	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%

From Friday 25th September to Thursday 1st October inclusive

Whole School Attendance: 98%



Attendance Superstars For This Week: 2S, 3B, 4T, 6H

I am finding that the weeks are flying by – I wonder if you do as well? As the weather is changing, and Autumn seems to be well and truly here, please can you make sure that your child has a coat (with their name in). We do try to get the children outside, whenever possible, even if it is cold or drizzly. Therefore, please do send them in with one – thank you.

I have spent a some time in and out of classrooms this week and I have been really impressed with how settled and focused the children have been. Much has been written about children adapting to the new situations we find ourselves in and how some have managed a long period without being at school. We are finding that children are some of the most adaptable and resilient people in our community as they do not have the preconceived experiences that many of us adults do. All credit to your children in how they have returned to school – you should be very proud of them!

The Reception children have been particularly amazing! They are doing incredibly well, and we are very pleased to have them all at Cotteridge Primary School. A big welcome to them all and their families! Another big welcome to the many new children and families who have joined us this term – it is lovely to have you join our lovely community and we hope you will be very happy with us.

Please keep smiling, please stay positive and together we can cope with everything that is being thrown at us! Together we are stronger.

Have a wonderful weekend! **Mr Willetts**

You are not 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

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 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

October 2020

w/c 19th Parents' Evening
 Fri 16th Flu Vaccinations
 Wed 21st Year 1 eye tests

November 2020

Mon 30th Nursery photos

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 2nd November 2020

Thursday 1st April 2021

Friday 28th May 2021



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

Food Bank

We are now running our food bank again to support families in our community who are currently in need.

If you would like to take advantage of our food bank and our community's generosity please get in touch with Mrs Burnett or Mrs Smith and they can ensure that you are supported. Please do not feel ashamed to ask for help - these are unprecedented times and we are all here to help!

A donation box will be placed by the exit gates each day for any donations of non perishable foods and toiletries.

The food bank was a huge success before we broke up and during the summer holidays—thank you everyone!



Reception September 2021

In Birmingham, children can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday. So if you have a child, or know anyone who has a child, who will be of age, we would ask you to consider our school and to visit

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by **15th January 2021** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2021 Information' prior to submitting your application.

This year, due to the restrictions around Covid, we are unable to hold our open sessions in the usual way.

Therefore, we will be featuring a virtual tour of Cotteridge School on our website later this month. If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer assistance. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs Burnett in the school office on 0121 464 2865, who will also be happy to help.

Behaviour Policy: Covid –19 adjustment

In line with government guidance we have amended our behaviour policy and this has been agreed by governors.

The new policy is now to be found in the parents' section of the website. The most important change is that we need to take deliberately coughing or spitting on another child at school more seriously: these behaviours are now considered significant. The changes have been explained to the children in an age appropriate manner both in class and in an assembly. We hope that we have your support in working with the children to ensure that if these behaviours happen, we can prevent an reoccurrence to keep everyone safe.

Guidance for families on Covid-19 and illness for children at school.

If your child or someone 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

it is important that you do not attend school and stay at home. You should arrange for a coronavirus test and tell the school the test results. Please let the school know the reason for your child's absence.

To book a test call 111 or 119 or go online by searching: NHS get a coronavirus test. Our local test centre is at the University of Birmingham or a test can be posted to your home address. Until we have the results of the test, your child(ren) will be unable to return to school.

Please note, if you have more than one child at school, even if only one child is displaying symptoms, all children must remain off school until the child displaying symptoms has received a negative test result. Alternatively, the child with symptoms may quarantine for 10 days whilst the rest of the household should quarantine for 14 days.

Children should not return to school if they feel unwell. This is even if they have had a negative test result. If your child has a fever, they should not return to school until their temperature has been normal for 48 hours.

In the event of a positive test result, please call the school office and ask to speak to Mr Willetts or Miss Lacey as soon as you are able.

If you are unsure what to do, please call either Mrs Burnett or Miss Lacey on 0121 464 2865.

Promotional Video / Virtual Tour

As we find ourselves in these unprecedented times, we are unable to hold our usual open day events for prospective parents. These are very important to us, as it is a chance for us to highlight what life at Cotteridge Primary School is about.

To try to combat this we are making a short promotional video / virtual tour, which we can post on our website for people to access.

Therefore, next Wednesday 7th October and Thursday 8th October we will be working with a local company, Method in Motion, to produce this.

We would like to take footage of all aspects of school life ranging from children learning in all classrooms, playing at break times and enjoying their lunches.

This video is going to be used for at least a couple of years to help market the school.

No children will be named in the video.

We would hope that the vast majority of parents will be happy for their children to be videoed as part of their every day school life but also respect that some parents would not like their children to participate.

With this in mind, we will presume that you give permission for your child to be filmed and possibly be used in the video / virtual tour unless you make specific contact with a member of our school office to tell us otherwise. This needs to be done by Tuesday 6th October and can be done by phone or by emailing enquiry@cotridge.bham.sch.uk.

It will be lovely to showcase what a wonderful school we have, the quality learning which takes place and most importantly our fantastic children.

Older Siblings Collecting Children From School

Please be aware that older siblings from Year 10 upwards only are able to collect children from school.

Online Interactions

As children are becoming more confident using technology, recently there have been a couple of minor incidents and we would just like to remind you to check who your children are speaking to online and to remind them about stranger danger. We will also be doing this in school.



Flu Vaccinations

Our school immunisation team have confirmed that they will be coming into school on Friday 16th October 2020 to administer the flu vaccine to our Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children. Consent forms will be sent out next week. Consent forms will be going out today. **Please could you return your completed consent as soon as practicable, even if you are giving negative consent, no later than Friday 9th October. Thank you.**



Coronavirus COVID-19
Protect yourself and others



**Please wear a
face covering**

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Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is fast approaching. Applications must be submitted by 31st October 2020. It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. Applications received after the 31st October 2020 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 1st March 2021. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs Tucker or Mrs Burnett on 0121 464 2865 who will be happy to help.

Uniform Donations

If anyone has any spare Reception age (ages 4-5 and 5-6) school uniform at home that they no longer want, but is in good condition, please could you consider donating it to school. We are especially in need of boys' trousers! Thank you!