



COTTERIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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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%	96%	97%	99%	97%	99%	99%

From Friday 9th October to Thursday 15th October inclusive

Whole School Attendance: 98%

★ Attendance Superstars For This Week: 6H

As we approach the first half term holiday, and as I reflect on the time back at school, our new normal feels very normal. Our one way systems, year group bubbles, classroom layouts and handwashing routines are well embedded-things are running very smoothly. The children have adapted brilliantly and behave extremely well to ensure we all stay safe—we are very proud of how resilient they have been and how hard they continue to work in class—we look forward to sharing with you, at parents' evening, all the wonderful things they have been doing so far.

"There are no rules in street art, so anything goes." tate.org.uk

Next week is Arts week where the children, across school, will be studying the theme of Freedom and what it means in the modern world. Street art will be the style that the children will be using to showcase their creations. As the children will be using a range of materials, please help us protect their school uniform by sending in an art overall by Monday—this could be an old, oversized shirt or t-shirt.

If you are out and about this weekend, or need an idea for something to do, take a walking tour around Digbeth or the Custard Factory where you will see fabulous examples of street art in Birmingham. Share your findings on our school Twitter page—we would love to see them! Have a great weekend.

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 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-TELEPHONE
CALL FROM TEACHER
Wed 21st Year 1 eye tests
Mon 30th Nursery Photos

Teacher Training Days:

Monday 2nd November 2020
Thursday 1st April 2021
Friday 28th May 2021

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



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

PARENTS' EVENING

Next week is Parents' Evening. **Teachers will ring the parent by phone** at the time you have booked. Appointments will be strictly 10 minutes. If the parent can't be contacted the teacher will keep trying for the 10 minute period but the time taken to get the parent will be taken off the 10 minute appointment slot otherwise everyone will run late. Teachers are happy to be placed on speakerphone so that they can speak with more than one adult but it is expected that the parent tells the teacher that they are being placed on speaker phone and informs them of who is listening to the conversation, including the child. Meetings should not be recorded in any way. If further discussion is required then the teacher will contact the parent after the Parents' Evening to arrange a mutually convenient time. Parents may have had a reminder from the booking system saying that the Parents' Evening will take place in the classroom. This is not the case. This is a standard message which has been sent. If there are any queries please contact us.



Congratulations Miss Haynes!

As a school, we encourage lifelong learning and would like to say congratulations to Miss Haynes in Year 6 for getting a 1st in her Masters Degree! Well done Miss Haynes, you really deserve it!



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.

Whilst children are isolating, they are able to access work online. Please head to our school website, under 'Parents' then 'Covid 19' for guidance.

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.

HARVEST DONATIONS

We are still asking for donations for our Cotteridge School Food Bank. This Food Bank will support families in our community who are currently in need. If you would like to make a donation, we would be grateful for any non-perishable food items or toiletries. If you would like to take advantage of our food bank and our school community's generosity, please get in touch with Mrs Burnett or Mrs Smith and they can ensure you are supported. Please do not feel ashamed to ask for help—these are unprecedented times and we are all here to help. We would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who has donated so far, your generosity has been overwhelming!



Breakfast and After School Club

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully employed more staff in our Breakfast and After School Club and are therefore able to offer extra capacity. If you would like to take advantage of this facility, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.



VIRTUAL Q&A SESSIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

As we are unable to hold our open sessions for prospective Reception parents in the usual way this year, we will instead be hosting several virtual question and answer sessions. These sessions will be held on Zoom, the link for which will be on our website soon along with the online virtual tour. These question and answer sessions will be an opportunity for prospective parents to ask questions of members of our Senior Leadership Team and our Early Years Phase Leader. The dates will be:

Thursday 19th November at 4:00pm

Friday 27th November at 10:00am

Monday 7th December at 2:00pm

PTA CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTOSHOOT

The PTA have partnered up with Bright Stars Photography and are going to be hosting a Christmas Family Photoshoot on Saturday 7th November from 10:00am—3:00pm. Families will be able to come along for a family photo shoot and will be able to



purchase the images afterwards. The photoshoot will take place in our main school hall and slots can be booked in the same way you would normally book your Parents' Evening slots. Bookings will be going live on Tuesday 20th October at 10:00am, so keep an eye out for your text message advising you that the booking system is open. Please note, due to the way the booking system is set up, your text may say that you are now able to book your Parents' Evening slot, but this will mean that you are now able to book your photoshoot.

The Cotteridge Code

Every child has the right to learn in a positive and supportive classroom with their learning not disrupted by others.

We are always friendly and show respect to others and their property.

We always listen carefully to others and follow instructions first time.

We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

We will use our own stationery packs sensibly.

We are always ready to learn, using our time wisely and working hard at all times.

We will not use bad language.

We will wash our hands regularly.

Children will respect those working in our building by walking quietly in corridors and on stairs.

We will use the one way system around school in the junior building.

Whether on the playground or in classrooms, children will line up in register order.

In Key stage 2, when invited to do so by an adult, children will take their seat in the classroom.

We will keep to our playtime playground whether that is the infant playground, junior playground or the social area.

Preparing for home learning

In the event of a Year group bubble closing due to a positive case of Covid-19 and to begin home learning using BGFL365, we are asking parents with an Apple device to download the BGFL365 App which includes a camera icon. Children in Years 1,2 and 3 will complete any home learning in their Home Learning Book. Once logged in with your child's details (found in the front of home learning books) parents will then be able to take a photograph which will be automatically be uploaded into your child's individual file.

Parents with an Android device will need to type login.bgfl365.uk into a web browser, log in using their child's details (in the front of their home learning book). Click on My Files, Upload Files, Choose Files and camera. The photo of your child's work will appear in the My Files folder for the teacher to give feedback.

Home Learning Book

Last month, all children brought home a Home Learning Book in the event of **self isolation** due to a family member or close contact testing positive or if they are **awaiting test results**.

If your child is absent for either of these reasons, please follow the link below to the Oak National Academy website. In each year group from Reception to Year 6 there are lessons that your child can complete into their Home Learning Book and bring into school to be marked by their teacher.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/schedule-by-year>