



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 %	96%	94%	N/A	97%	92%	96%	93%

From Friday 16th October to Thursday 22nd October inclusive

Whole School Attendance: 95%



Attendance Superstars For This Week: RD 99%

We have had a fantastic Arts Week this week, with the children across school thoroughly enjoying producing their final piece of Art based around the topic 'Freedom.' The children have experimented with different colour, texture and media to plan, design and produce their picture throughout the week. They have also linked some of their writing to this topic. Year 1 have read the story of 'Old Bear' who is freed from his attic, producing some fantastic writing and ideas about what this freedom feels like for him. Year 2 meanwhile, have been super home learners this week, completing some wonderful acrostic poetry on what Freedom means to them. Special thanks to Miss Bashford for organising Arts Week across the school.

As this half term draws to a close, I would like to say a huge thank you to everybody—our staff, parents and children—for such a successful first half term. We have all pulled together as a community in these uncertain times, and the children really have made a remarkable return to school after the summer. They have been calm, focused, happy and ready to learn. It has been a joy to see.

Have a lovely, restful holiday everybody and I look forward to seeing you all on your return on Tuesday 3rd November. *Mrs Darby.*

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

November 2020

Mon 30th Nursery Photos

w/c 30th Diversity Week

December 2020

Wed 16th Christmas Dinner

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.

Positive Covid-19 cases over half term

If any families receive a positive Covid-19 test result over the October half term, please could you make sure you inform us using the online reporting form as soon as practicable. This allows us to contact Public Health England and the Department For Education for advice before the children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November. You can find the online reporting form at: www.cotteridgeprimary.co.uk > Parents > Covid 19 Information and Home Learning > Covid 19 School Contact Forms > then click on the option for reporting a positive test result. Thank You.

Dinner Money, After School Club / Breakfast Club Fees

Please could all parents log in to their School Money accounts over the half term to see if they owe any dinner money or wrap around care fees. If you do, please can you ensure that this is cleared before Monday 2nd November. If you are experiencing any difficulties with logging in to School Money, please contact the School Office who will be able to help. Thank you.



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.



Secondary School Places

The Secondary School application deadline is fast approaching—31st October! Please make sure you have submitted your application before this date. If you need any help, please speak with Mrs Burnett.



School PTA

We have got some exciting events coming up in the PTA this year, and it would be great if we had more parent volunteers to help out! If you have any time to give, via meetings or helping at events, please get in touch on email: Cotteridgepta@gmail.com.



We would also like to thank everyone for their generous non school uniform donations today.

VIRTUAL Q&A SESSIONS

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

Home Learning Success!

We're really pleased with the home learning that has taken place this week in Year 2 following the closure of their bubble. Teachers have been making a daily morning call with school work available via the BGfL platform. There has been a significant marshalling of resources in order for this to happen. Since September, teachers have had external training from Sharon Cufflin at Entrust Education, as well as internal staff meetings on how to use cloud technology to enable quality lessons. The school has also purchased new computing equipment for the teachers and devoted technician time to ensuring technology works effectively at home. We hope that the children have enjoyed their home learning, especially seeing their teachers during the morning call. Thank you to all families who have taken part, and the teachers for their hard work. Miss Lacey.



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>