

## 2nd November 2020

### Reminder

**School closed Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- INSET Day.**

**School will re-open after half-term on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at your child's allotted time.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a long half term we should be mindful of the successes we have achieved in getting all children back into school and working hard to catch up on lost time.

School has looked very different and it is so challenging for children to be isolated within their class bubbles when we have been used to working across year groups and celebrating our achievements together.

However, due to the hard work and planning that has gone into our mitigation of risk for Covid-19, with support and expertise from within the ATLP, we have been able to limit the learning loss of children when positive cases have been identified.

Today we welcomed back Sycamore class and it was so lovely to see that they had worked so hard and had in effect kept up with their peers in school. I did chuckle when one unnamed child commented that it was far from a holiday!!! I would like to place my thanks to Mr Newton and Mrs Shipman who have worked in isolation to ensure that Sycamore class were learning. Of course I'm sure parents and carers also helped significantly and would like to express my thanks for your support too.

Other children isolating across school have also been provided with work and, whilst not the same as being in school, I have nothing but admiration for all involved in limiting the loss of learning due to enforced absences.

Our attendance levels (other than enforced isolations) are outstanding. This is really helping children catch up lost learning and bridge the gap to new learning.

We have also implemented the RWI phonics scheme during this first half term and will be extending this to reading after half term. Again I have to praise the dedication of our teaching team, often attending 2 sessions per week after school for training purposes to ensure the best delivery possible for your children.

I have also been touched by the kind positive messages received, often by email to [office@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@cotongreen.staffs.sch.uk) It has been really good to be able to share these and boosted morale in school in difficult times. We are really lucky to have such dedicated staff who have been determined to make things work in these difficult times and these messages have been gratefully received.

Our trial of hot meals has gone really well. We have been able to maintain class bubbles in two distinct sittings with all the appropriate controls to allow our youngest children to eat in the hall. The older children have enjoyed their grab bag hot lunches and have been able to eat these in their class bubbles, all with carefully controlled logistics to reduce contacts and maintain bubble security. We are going to a full hot meal menu on our return to school. The cost will be £2.35 per meal, a small price increase that ATLP have worked hard to minimise.

Thanks for your continued support. Enjoy half term and see you back on Monday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, fresh and raring for more fabulous learning!

Mr R Osborne

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

School Immunisation Team  
Flu Vaccines – Years EYFS-Y6

Further information to follow

We would like to give a special mention to Mrs Tanner's class for attendance achievement this week.

**Polite Notice**  
**Staggered Start Times**

It has been brought to our attention that some children are coming to school at 8.20 am. May we remind parents that children should not be in school before their timeslot.

We thank you for your continued co-operation at this difficult time with helping to keep all children, staff and parents safe.

**PTFA**

**PTFA Scarecrow Competition**

This year we are going to hold a scarecrow competition!

We would like you to make a scarecrow and bring it into school, your scarecrow can be any size and of any theme.

Scarecrows need to be brought onto your child's school playground with your child's name on, on the morning of Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November. PTFA will judge them and announce the winners on the school playground at the end of the day. There will be a prize for Reception, Year 1/2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6.

Classes will have the opportunity to see them during the day.

Entry is £1.50 per scarecrow.

Unfortunately, we are unable to accept cash payments, as I am sure you will understand. Payment can only be made **via bank transfer** to the Coton Green Primary PTFA account – Sort code: 20-85-13 Account number – 20692751.

Please use the **reference** of your **child's name and class**, if this is not added we will not know who has paid.

If you are unable to make a scarecrow, you can draw or colour a scarecrow – but please bring to school in a named waterproof covering, such as a plastic wallet.

All monies raised will be used to fund new iPads for the school.

## Covid-19 related pupil absence

*A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)*

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>- Get a test</li> <li>- <b>Inform the school immediately about the test result</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative <b>or</b> 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>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> <b>AND</b> the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></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>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Ring on each day of illness.</li> </ul>	...after 48 hours 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>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> <li>- Household member to get a test.</li> <li>- <b>Inform school immediately about test result.</b></li> </ul>	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- <b>Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days).</b></li> </ul>	...the child has completed 14 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>- <b>The household member must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- Child can continue to attend school.</li> </ul>	...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>- <b>Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days.</b></li> <li>- SCHOOL NAME child(ren) can continue to attend.</li> </ul>	...child can continue to attend school

<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled.</li> <li>- contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school.</li> <li>- Self-isolate the whole household.</li> </ul> <p><u><a href="#">*Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office (FCDO)</a></u> – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p><b>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Check the current <u><a href="#">Exempt countries and territories list</a></u> to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list.</li> <li>- Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school.</li> </ul>	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school.</li> <li>- The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>).</li> </ul>	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do not come to school.</b></li> <li>- <b>Contact school to inform us.</b></li> <li>- Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again.</li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Child must not come to school.</b></li> <li>- Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school.</li> <li>- Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>- <b>Other siblings may continue to attend school.</b></li> </ul>	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><b><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></b></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>

### **Autumn Term 2020**

**Inset day:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September (children are not in school) school focus

**Term starts:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Inset day:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (children are not in school) school focus

**Half term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Inset day:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**Term ends:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Holiday:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January

### **Spring Term 2021**

**Inset day:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January (children are not in school) school focus

**Term starts:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Inset day:** Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February (children are not in school) school focus

**Half term:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

**Inset day:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**Term ends:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Holiday:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2021**

**Term starts:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

**Inset day:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April (children are not in school) ATLP focus

**May Day:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half term:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Inset day:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July (children are not in school) school focus

**Term ends:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**Holiday:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Meal Price from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

The cost will be £2.35 per meal, a small price increase that ATLP have worked hard to minimise.

Name		Class		
<b>Week 1</b>		<b>Week Beginning 02.11.2020</b>		
<i>Monday</i>	<b>Hot Option</b> Cheese and Tomato Pizza With Dough Balls	<b>Hot Option</b> Burrito (v)	<b>Hot Option</b> Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Cucumber Sticks Tray Bake
<i>Tuesday</i>	Chicken Burger with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Burger (v) Served with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Carrot sticks Tray Bake
<i>Wednesday</i>	Roast Turkey In a Bun	Vege Sausage Bap (v)	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Cherry Tomatoes Tray Bake
<i>Thursday</i>	Hot Dog With Potato Wedges	Vege Ball Marinara Roll (v)	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Cucumber Sticks Tray Bake
<i>Friday</i>	Fish Finger Sandwich and Chips	Quorn Nuggets and Chips	Jacket Potato with Assorted Fillings	Ham or Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks Tray Bake

