



# Trottiscliffe CE Primary School Newsletter

*Learning together, believing together, achieving together*

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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Term 1 Week 3

Whole school  
attendance this  
week

94.6%

Whole school  
attendance this term

95.8%

Whole school  
attendance since  
September

95.8%

Minutes late this  
week

0

Number of pupils  
with 100%  
attendance this  
week

61/69

Class with  
100% attendance  
this week

## Welcome

It has been lovely to see all the children settled fully back into the 'new normal' of school. Staff are working extremely hard to ensure children are learning at an appropriate level and whilst we appreciate how difficult it is for parents not being able to speak to teachers at the end of the day, please be assured that if you contact the school your message will get passed on to the relevant staff member. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via telephone or email if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. We will shortly be arranging a consultation for each parent with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and targets for the year ahead. Our new Reception children have been in school on a part time basis this week and we look forward to welcoming them full time from Monday.

## Clarification of Covid symptoms and when to isolate

There is now a national 'case definition' which identifies Covid symptoms as:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature but if measured it is above 37.8°C)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Where an individual presents with any one of the above symptoms they must self-isolate and book a test. There is much discussion nationally regarding additional symptoms and their link to Covid 19, however the above three symptoms remain the only symptoms where an individual needs to seek a test unless they are requested to seek a test by a health professional.

There have been cases locally where children or staff present with one of the above symptoms for a short period of time, such as 1 day, and then wish to return to school without testing or self-isolation when they no longer have these symptoms; often after having discussed their symptoms with a health professional such as a GP who concludes they are likely to have an illness other than Covid.

**The advice remains that anybody presenting with one of the three symptoms must isolate for 10 days and their household for 14 days, only returning prior to that if they have received a negative test result and feel well.**

More information is available on the gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection#ending-self-isolation-and-household-isolation>

As we know, children can present with different symptoms such as runny noses, upset stomachs, fatigue and rashes and therefore parents should be aware of these and should keep their child at home if demonstrating other symptoms, but you only need to isolate and book a Covid test if one of the key symptoms as detailed above is present.

### Changes to Government Rules

Don't forget the new government rules, which came into effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, meaning that when meeting friends and family you do not live with, you must NOT meet in a group of more than 6, indoors or outdoors. This will obviously have an impact on those of you who meet up in the park and whilst we do our utmost to protect children, staff and the wider school community we would ask that you please observe the new rules as it will be against the law to meet people you do not live with in a group larger than 6 (unless you are meeting as a household or support bubble).

The police will have the powers to enforce these legal limits, including to issue fines (fixed penalty notice) of £100, doubling for further breaches up to a maximum of £3,200.

For more information please follow the link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

### Football Club and Netball Clubs for Year 5 and 6

We are so pleased to have been able to start up after school clubs in class bubbles and we still have a few spaces in our Netball Club and Football Club. If your child is in Burundi Class and would like to give netball or football a try, please ask for a consent form from the office. They are very welcome to attend both clubs.

This is at no charge to parents so please support these clubs so that we can finally have activities again at the school.

Our Tennis Clubs will be restarting after the October holiday week and further details will be shared nearer the time.

### School Dinners

We are working hard to plan the return of hot meals to our school and we are hoping this will happen from Term 2. In the meantime, please see the school meals section of our website for the most up to date menu and as soon as we have finalised the start date with Caterlink we will of course let you know.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Children in all other year groups must pay online for their school meal. The cost of a school meal is **£2.30** per day.

If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal this will be provided. Please contact the school if you believe you are entitled to Free School Meals and we can provide further information.

## TERM DATES

SEPTEMBER	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Staff Training Day, children do NOT attend
2 <sup>nd</sup>	First Day of Term 1
8 <sup>th</sup>	Uganda class to Coldrum Long Barrow
16 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Club starts for Burundi Class 3.30pm to 4.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Football Club starts for Burundi Class 3.30pm to 4.30pm
OCTOBER	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Test (for pupils who attend a Kent school)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Term 1
NOVEMBER	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Staff Training Day, children do NOT attend
3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Day of Term 2
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal Flu Vaccine – whole school
DECEMBER	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2

Please visit our website for updated information and a full list of term dates

<http://www.trottiscliffe.kent.sch.uk>