



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Please see our latest updates.

Live lesson timetable

Please see the table below to remind yourselves of the timings of our daily live lessons.

Infants	9.00 – 10.15		11.15 – 12.15		1.30 – 2.30	
Juniors		10.15 – 11.15		12.15 – 1.15		2.30 – 3.30

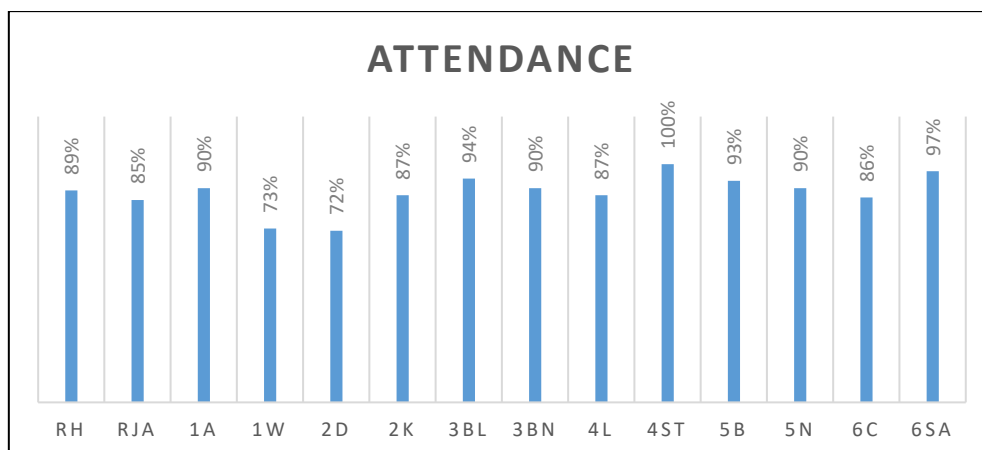
From this week onwards, teachers will receive their entitlement to non-contact time for planning and assessment every Wednesday. So on Wednesdays, for one of the sessions your child will receive a short pre-recorded instruction video from their teacher for that session as well as work to complete independently. These will be shared in your child's Google Classroom feed.

Infants recorded session: Wednesday 1.30 – 2.30

Juniors recorded session: Wednesday 10.15 – 11.15

Google Classroom

We're pleased to say that the whole school attendance in live lessons rose to 88% last week. The graph below shows the live lesson attendance of each class. The figures show the percentage of children who attended all of the sessions, or only missed one or two sessions throughout the week. Well done 4ST for the highest attendance! The vast majority of the children attended all of the sessions so well done everyone, and thank you parents for your fantastic support.



We'd like to hear from parents about our live lessons and any difficulties children or parents are having, so we can see if there's anything we can do to further improve the learning experience. If you would like to let us know your thoughts, please take a few minutes to complete our [Parent feedback form](#)

Increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children

This is a government scheme to temporarily increase data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is to help children and young people access remote education during lockdown.

Who can get help

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases for children and young people who meet all three of these criteria:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- EE
- O2
- Sky Mobile
- SMARTY
- Tesco Mobile
- Three
- Virgin Mobile
- Vodafone

If you meet the above criteria and would like the school to pass on your details and request a temporary mobile phone data increase, please read the [Privacy Policy](#) and complete the form via the following link:

[Form to request a free increase in mobile phone data](#)

Families accessing resources and lessons from Oak National Academy on mobile phones will now not use any of their data allowance. BBC Bitesize content will be free for EE, BT Mobile, and Plusnet Mobile users, allowing them to watch content from the end of January without using up any of their data allowance.

Free School Meals

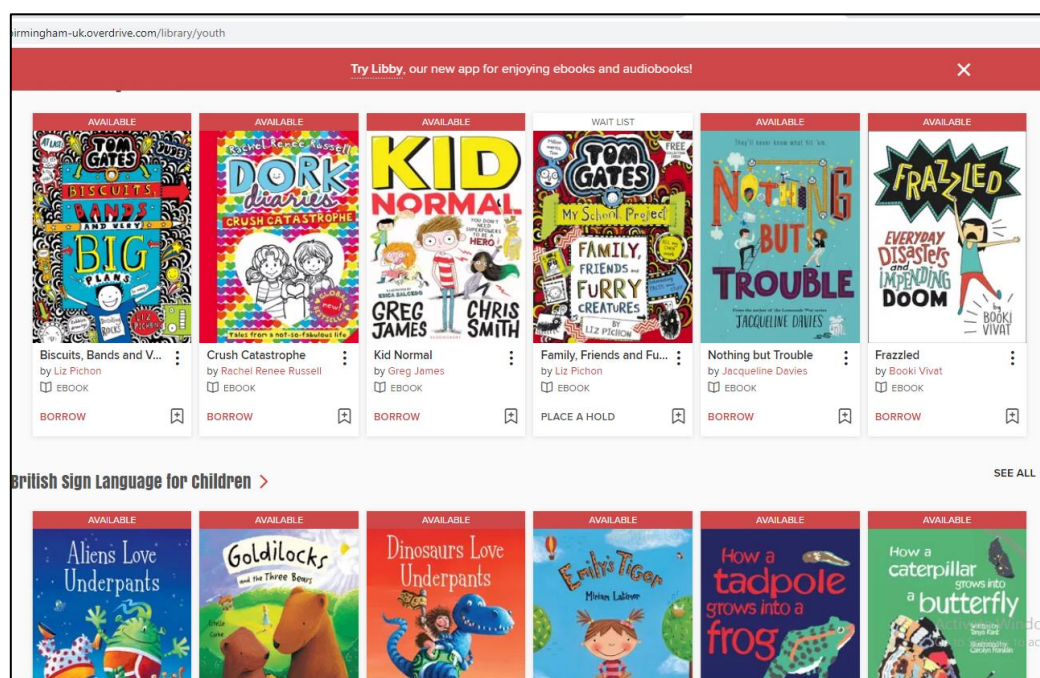
This week the government voucher scheme will be running again, so if your child is entitled to free school meals you will receive a voucher rather than a food parcel from now on.

Twitter

Please see our regular updates on our Twitter feed. Go to [@copschool](#) to follow us.

Reading during lockdown – borrow books from the library!

In addition to the reading scheme books your child's class teacher will be providing links to every week, your child can now access free books virtually from Birmingham Libraries eContent.



To access Birmingham Libraries eContent you will need to visit [Birmingham Libraries](#) and complete the online registration form. Once you have completed this you will be issued with a SELFREG number. [Email Birmingham Libraries](#) with your SELFREG number and they will create your eBooks account. They do require that you live in Birmingham and pay council tax to Birmingham City Council to be able to use.

It will last for 3 months but they may extend it further if libraries have not reopened. To continue using the service once the libraries are open, you will need to complete the online joining process by taking [proof of address](#) to your nearest [Birmingham library](#) to collect your membership card. If you no longer wish to use this service, you do not need to do anything as your details will be removed from their system.

Apply for a place in our Nursery Class for September 2021

If your child was born between 01.09.2017 and 31.08.2018 they will be ready to start part-time nursery at Cherry Orchard Primary School.

We offer daily sessions of 3 hours, Monday to Friday: mornings from 8.45 to 11.45 every day, or afternoons from 12.35 to 15.35 every day.

Find the application form on the school website [here](#) or collect one from the school office.

Email your completed application form and scanned documents to b.kaur@cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk or bring them into the school office.

Opening hours are 08:15 to 16:00.