



CHERRY ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

Here are the latest notices from Cherry Orchard.

Covid-19 cases

I regret to inform you that we have had a positive case in our Year 1 bubble and a positive case in our Reception bubble yesterday and today and have had to close both bubbles until 5th July. This has also impacted on Beeches Kids' Club as one of the pupils attends breakfast and after school club and a number of their staff are having to self-isolate and the club had to close today due to staff shortages. The original intention was for the club to reopen next week but **unfortunately, due to further staff shortages following the Reception bubble closure today, Beeches Kids' Club will have to remain closed throughout next week and will reopen on Monday 5th July.**

We are providing online learning via Google Classroom for the children in isolation in accordance with our remote learning policy, which can be found in the Covid-19 section of our website. We are unable to provide remote learning for any siblings of the isolating pupils as they are still expected to come to school in line with government guidance.

We have found that the current variant of Covid can come on very quickly and we know that some children may not display any symptoms, but please keep your children at home and get them tested if they have a cough, a high temperature or loss of taste or smell.

Some parents have asked if their child can return to school if they have a negative test result. The NHS test and trace guidance is shown here. Please see the last paragraph which explains that all close contacts should continue to isolate for the full 10 days even if their result is negative. As a school and a community, we must follow this guidance.

Part 2: people who have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19

This section applies to those who have been identified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact.

If you are told to self-isolate

If we identify you as someone who has had close recent contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, we will notify you that you must self-isolate in line with medical advice and the law.

It is a legal requirement to self-isolate if you are identified as a contact and told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace. Failure to self-isolate for the full time-period can result in a fine, starting from £1,000.

You may be feeling well and not have any symptoms, but it is still essential for you to follow the advice that you are given.

This is because, if you have been infected, you could be infectious to others. Some people infected with the virus don't show any symptoms at all and it is therefore crucial to self-isolate to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus.

You can now get a test if they do not have symptoms. [Read the further guidance on getting a free test.](#) If you choose to get a test, you must continue to self-isolate, even if your result is negative. This is because even if you don't have symptoms, you could still pass the infection on to others.

Emergency out-of-hours number

Please be reminded that an out-of-hours number is listed in the parent information booklet on the covid-19 section of the website. This number is available to call if you need to alert the school to your child's positive Covid test result outside office hours. **The number is 07712436927.** If there is no answer, please leave a message and someone will call you back.

RRSA Gold Award

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that after a rigorous assessment, Cherry Orchard has been awarded the Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award! This is the highest accolade possible and a fantastic achievement by the staff and pupils as there are over 400 schools in Birmingham, and we are one of only 18 schools in the city to achieve Gold.

The full accreditation report has been shared on the RRSA section of the school website, but here is a small summary section:

It was evident that children's rights are embedded across the school and underpin every facet of school life. Particular strengths of the school include:

- *Children's breadth of knowledge about their rights, how they can claim them for themselves and their commitment to effect change to enable others to enjoy them locally, nationally and globally.*
- *Learning about children's rights is fully embedded across the school including the nursery.*
- *The way the school has used a child rights based approach to strengthen existing positive relationships resulting in children's voices being amplified and impacting upon change within and beyond the school community.*



Teacher Training Day

This is just a reminder that **school is closed** to all children on **Monday 12th July** as this is a teacher training day.

School uniform – jewellery

Please be reminded of the uniform rule regarding jewellery at Cherry Orchard. The following information about the wearing of jewellery is also on the school website and in your child's school planner:

- *Pupils may wear a watch, but other jewellery is not suitable for the school day*
- *No necklaces, rings or bracelets should be worn unless worn specifically due to religious obligation (one only please, and pupils must be able to remove them for P.E.)*
- *Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain studs. Any pupil wearing pierced earrings must be able to remove and replace them themselves.*

Cricket with Warwickshire County Cricket Club

Year 5 and Year 6 have had the privilege of receiving free cricket sessions from Warwickshire County Cricket Club coaches. The children enjoyed practising a range of skills including fielding, bowling and batting. They played a variety of fun mini-cricket games to build on the skills that had been taught. Whilst taking part, the children had lots of opportunity to develop their teamwork and communication skills, to consider their strategy and develop their techniques in all areas of the game.



Sports day

The children will still enjoy the annual sports day event this year in their year group bubbles. We're very sorry to say that current guidance doesn't allow parents to attend this year as it would mean a gathering of more than 30 people. We realise that this doesn't match the guidance for watching Euro 2021 football games but unfortunately we have to follow government guidance for schools.

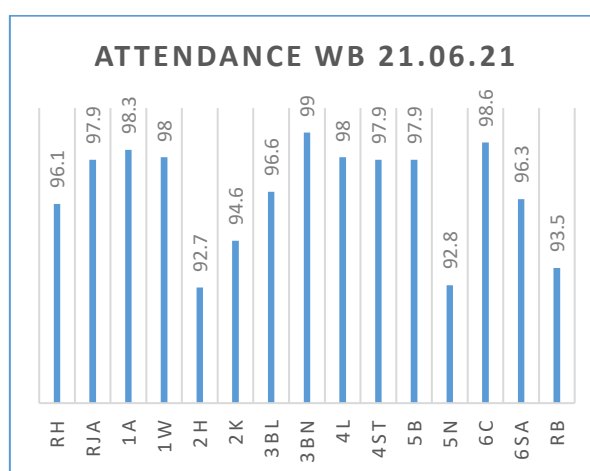
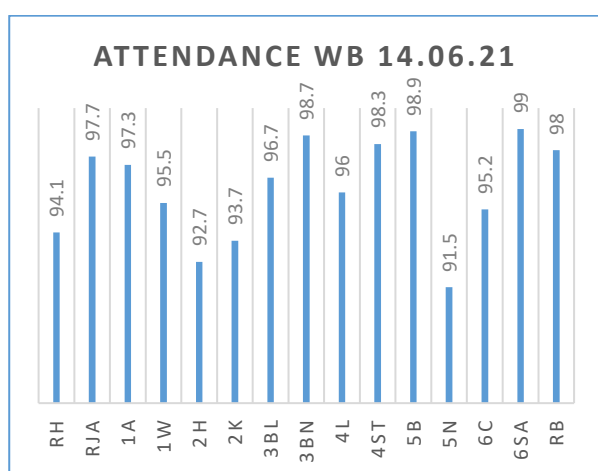
Notice from Aston Villa Foundation:

Aston Villa Foundation are currently looking to start new Football in the Community Toddler Sessions for 2-3 year olds. They have put together an online expression of interest form to see if many parents in our community would be interested in attending.

[Aston Villa Foundation | Toddlers Session \(2-3 Years Old\) – Expression of interest](#)

Attendance

The graphs below show the attendance of the classes since my last newsletter. Congratulations to 6SA and 3BN for achieving the highest attendance.



Upcoming dates for your diary

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| 30 th Jun: | Year 2 sports day |
| 7 th Jul: | KS2 sports day |
| TBC: | Reception and Year 1 sports day |
| 9 th Jul: | End of year reports to parents |
| 12th Jul: | Teacher Training Day – school closed to children |
| 14 th Jul: | Virtual parents' open evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm |
| TBC: | Year 6 leavers' disco 5pm – 7pm |
| 21st Jul: | End of term |
| 2nd Sept: | Teacher Training Day – school closed to children |
| 3rd Sept: | Teacher Training Day – school closed to children |
| 6th Sept: | Start of term for all pupils |

Additional Information

You will find lots of additional information on our school website. Please go to www.cherryorchard.bham.sch.uk. If you cannot find the answer to your question, please ask a member of staff. The office number is 0121 5540862.