

## Cottingham Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

At the end/beginning of a term, I like to write to you with an update etc etc. On this occasion my update is in the hands of the Prime minister. I will await his address on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February before updating you in detail.

I did want to end the term with some brief updates that you might find useful. I have also attached a poem that I have written for everyone to hopefully enjoy after what has been a very busy, tiring term for us all. As always, I can begin by saying how proud and thankful I am to the whole Cottingham CofE community. I am sure, like the staff and I, you are on your knees and looking forward to the week ahead. I do hope the weather stays dry to allow us fresh air and exercise.

We are pleased to have a very good partnership with CSD. During the coming week, they will provide care for key worker, vulnerable children and those children in receipt of the Pupil Premium funding. Not all schools are able to offer this service so we are grateful to them. We also look forward to returning to after school provision once allowed to do so.

Our dedicated staff continue to wear appropriate PPE, including face covering, when working directly with children. I remind parents/carers to do likewise when dropping off/collecting children (Unless exempt from doing so) Only one adult to drop off/collect children please.

In Lunch boxes, drink bottles only to be brought into school. **NO** bags are to be brought into school unless your child has a particular arrangement with the class teacher. Reading books carried into school separately.

If a child/staff member tests positive for Covid-19 during the school holiday (Having developed symptoms 48 hours since being in school) they should follow contact tracing provided by NHS track and trace. We would ask that you keep us up to date.

In order to protect the children and colleagues, all staff have been part of regular, twice weekly, lateral flow testing. Asymptomatic testing helps to protect everyone at Cottingham CofE. As always, the health and safety of staff/children remain a priority.

Attendance at school from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February will continue to be limited to staff, vulnerable children and children of critical workers. If you require a place for your child, you will need to contact [head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk). Where possible, we continue to ask that you keep your child/ren at home and access our home learning.

We still have a number of laptop devices available to loan to your child. A simple loan agreement is shared and your child will have access to the laptop as long as is required. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please email [head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk) to arrange collection.

From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, ALL live teaching, intervention, reading and worship etc will take place via Teams. You will by now have received further information and your child should have logged into their

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@cottinghampri.co.uk Teams account. We look forward to using a far more safer/secure learning platform. It is expected that ALL children attend 'live' sessions. Please inform your child's class teacher of illness/absence please. A weekly register will continue to monitor attendance.

Where working from home, it is expected that ALL children complete tasks 'assignments' that have been set. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 'assignments' will be set via Teams. This will be a far more efficient platform for sharing work and for children to receive Feedback. (Further information will be provided to Willow/Ash)

As a church school, collective worship is an important part of our learning. Both KS1 and KS2 collective worship is currently accessible to ALL children. Again, from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, children can log into worship via their own Teams calendar. This has reduced the need to send home links to Zoom meetings etc. Parents/carers are more than welcome to join also.

We have been pleased that intervention/1:1 tuition has continued this term. Children, both in school/home, have accessed a variety of 1:1 and small group work thanks to our dedicated staff and access to Third Space Maths tuition for example.

Please be assured that, as always, the safety of the whole Cottingham CofE Primary School community is paramount and at the fore front of our thinking. If you have any questions relating to the information in this update, please email [head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk](mailto:head@cottinghamprimary.co.uk) for further clarification.

Thank you for your continued patience and support during these challenging times. Further updates will be sent as and when more information is available. Please keep in touch via Teams, Twitter and email. The staff and I miss you all very much. Have a lovely break, with your wonderful children.

Yours sincerely,

Ashley Scott (Headteacher)