

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021



**ATTENDANCE.** We're on track with Ofsted expectations at **96.5%** for the school year so far. We're really pleased to have the children back in school learning!

**PARENTS EVENING.** These will take place virtually week commencing **26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. We will be using a system new to us, SchoolCloud. Invites and information will be sent to parents via email so please make sure we have an up to date, working email address for you. Please send details including your child's name, to:

[admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk).

**STAFFING.** Congratulations to Mrs Davies-Balfe! She is expecting her second child and following government guidelines, we have made some changes to staffing in class RA. Mrs Bilkhu is covering the class and will continue while Mrs Davies-Balfe is on maternity leave.

**VACANCIES.** We are looking for a **Site Manager** (permanent) and 2 Level 1 **Teaching Assistants** (temporary) to join the Cantrell team. More details are available here <https://www.eteach.com/schools/cantrell-primary-and-nursery-school-20824>, or contact the school office for more information.

**SCHOOL RE-OPENING.** We continue with staggered start and finish times so for everyone's safety, please adhere to the following:

## Parent guide:

- **Please do not to congregate in a group, form a queue. Don't wait across the road and expect to jump the queue.**
- **Please do not shout your child to come to the gate, the teacher will call you from the queue.**
- **Only one person to drop off or collect from the designated gate, to ease congestion.**
- **Please arrive in your allocated time slot, not early or late.**
- **Do not congregate to chat, please leave immediately to avoid congestion.**
- **Wear a face covering at all times and maintain social distancing – 2 metres apart.**
- **No visitors or adults other than staff will be admitted to the site. Telephone appointments can be made via the school office if you need to speak to the office team or a teacher/teaching assistant.**
- **Pupils, parents, staff and any visitors, such as suppliers, are informed not to come to school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.**

## Timings:

Please be aware that Year 2 and 5 have swapped to ease congestion at the gate. Please arrive at the allocated time and not before or after, we will aim to get the children in as soon as we can but you may have to queue – please stay 2 metres apart and wear a face covering. Siblings are to **arrive** at the **earliest time** for all of them and **leave** at the **earliest time** – please be patient while we finalise this and get to know the arrangements.

## Bottom (Drive) gate

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| • Year 6 arrive 8:40 – 8:50am | Leave 3:05 – 3:10pm                                |
| • Year 2 arrive 8:50 – 9:00am | Leave 3:10 – 3:20pm * <i>please note new times</i> |
| • Year 5 arrive 9:00 – 9:10am | Leave 3:20 – 3:30pm * <i>please note new times</i> |

## Main gate

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| • Year 4 arrive 8:30 – 8:45am | Leave 3:00 – 3:10pm |
| • Year 3 arrive 8:50 – 9:00am | Leave 3:10 – 3:20pm |
| • Year 1 arrive 9:00 – 9:10am | Leave 3:20 – 3:30pm |

## EYFS gate

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| • RA/RB arrive 8:45am                     | Leave 3:00pm |
| • Nursery 30 hours children arrive 9:00am | Leave 3:00pm |

- **Morning nursery arrive 9:00am Leave 11:00am**
- **Afternoon nursery arrive 1:00pm Leave 3:00pm**
- **Rising stars - closed**

**If you are bringing siblings, they should all arrive at the earliest child's time, and will go to class early. A staff member will look after them until class begins. The same applies for collecting siblings, please arrive at the earliest time and leave promptly.**

**BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.** These are open **for working parents only** at present. Timings are 7:30am to 8:45am and 3:00pm to 5:30pm respectively. **Advance booking is essential as the clubs are full.** Waiting lists are in operation. Please email days required to [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk), this also applies to parents of children who attended during lockdown. We will then confirm your child's place. Can we remind parents who bring children to Breakfast Club to wait at the gate with their child until collected by a member of staff. Please do not leave your child unattended and please do not turn up on the day as places are limited.

### **Uniform**

We understand that some of your child's uniform may not fit and need replacing. If this is the case Morrisons, Tesco and Asda all have uniform – but it is going fast! Asda also have 20% off. We also appreciate that you may not want to head to a busy supermarket unless for essentials. Therefore, whilst we expect children back in uniform we also respect that some of you will need time over the next few weeks to get that sorted. So please do not worry, send them in what you have. Having the children back with us is far more important!

### **Lateral Flow tests**

From March 1<sup>st</sup>, if you are a member of a household with a school-aged child you can get a twice-weekly test at a local test site or by collecting a home test kit from a test site. Use this link for more information:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=5eb3a371-39ca-45b2-9e00-ccb7c409a85a&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=5eb3a371-39ca-45b2-9e00-ccb7c409a85a&utm_content=immediately)

**P.E. LESSONS.** Current safety guidelines mean that children will not be changing clothes in school. Children in classes RA/RB will be introduced to PE after they have settled back in, so will not need their PE kit yet. On the following days, **please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit to school**, which they will remain in all day:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b> <b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 6</b> <b>Year 1 &amp; Forest School</b>	<b>Year 5</b> Daily Mile

Children in Year 5 will also be doing the daily mile so trainers needed every day please as before. Children in Year 1 also have Forest school on Thursday afternoons, so please send children to school in PE kit with wellies and warmer jumpers and coats for the afternoon.

**SCHOOL MEALS.** We have a new menu from 15<sup>th</sup> March, which is available to view here:

<http://www.cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk/images/PDFs/February-2021-menu-Cantrell.pdf>. We also have individual menus for children with special dietary needs. If you would like a copy of either menu please send an email to the school office at [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk).

**ABSENCES.** Could we ask parents not to use ClassDojo to report a child's absence. These should be reported by telephone or email to the school office, 0115 9155770 or [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk), thank you.

**ATTENDANCE.** Parents are reminded, where necessary, of their duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (unless they have symptoms, are a close contact of someone who has symptoms/tested positive or are shielding) and that the school has the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. May we also remind parents that leave/holiday during term time can only be authorised in *exceptional circumstances*. All applications for a leave of absence must be made on a form available from the school office or website. Our attendance policy states:

- Only a maximum of 5 days will be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances;
- Family holidays, cheap holidays, birthday celebrations, family events will not be authorised;
- Penalty notices will be issued and the Local Authority may fine parents.

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**Extra Support for Families.** The Winter Grant Scheme is now open to Nottingham City residents in receipt of Council Tax Support, with or without children. With rising food costs, we hope this extra support will ease the strain on some families to help them through these difficult times. 10,000 vouchers are currently available as part of this scheme and selected applicants will be chosen on a first-come-first-serve basis. The scheme ensures successful applicants are issued with a **£50 supermarket e-voucher** to help with food and essential supplies. Who is not eligible? Residents that are currently in receipt of the following benefits are **NOT** eligible for this grant (criteria updated as of 2nd February):

- Means Tested Free School Meals
- Support Grant from HMRC/Local Authority
- Self-Isolation Payment

Apply online here <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-winter-grant-scheme/>

**Nottingham City Libraries.** 'Spring has sprung and we are all starting to feel more hopeful of better days to come. Whilst we can't welcome you back into our libraries just yet, there are still plenty of new things for you to explore and enjoy online. February saw us launch our new Library website - and with a new look & feel we hope you find it much more flexible, modern and visual. With our new Discover & Get Involved section, it's jam packed with content including books & digital resources, click & collect, guidance on jobs and business start-ups, learning help, entertainment for children & young adults, and so much more!'. Take a look around the new website here:

[https://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/?utm\\_content&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_name&utm\\_source=govdelivery&utm\\_term](https://www.nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk/?utm_content&utm_medium=email&utm_name&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term).

**Census Day Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March.** Do you need help with your Census form? There is lots of help available both online and by phone; details of support nationally is on your letter. You can also book help with a Nottingham City Library Census Adviser. Our advisers can answer your census questions or concerns, provide a new or lost access code and help you to complete your online form. Please call a Library Census Adviser 0115 87 63338 Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm or Saturday 10am - 2pm. Or you can email [NCCLibraries@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:NCCLibraries@nottinghamcity.gov.uk). Not got the Internet at home? You can use a computer for free in our libraries to complete your form. As we are still in a national lockdown access to our libraries is restricted, so you will need to phone the library and book in advance.