



CHEETWOOD NEWSLETTER

12th March 2021



IMPORTANT NOTICE

It has been brought to our attention that parents have been doing **U-turns** on Derby Street whilst dropping off/collecting children. This has resulted in near-misses between **cars and children!**

Please think about the safety of your children and **DO NOT** perform **U-turns** under such busy and unsafe conditions.

Also please do not park on the double yellow lines around school. These markings are there to keep the roads clear and safe for your children.

Thank you.

COVID-19 and what to do

We ask that parents continue to inform the school if your child is displaying any Covid symptoms or your child or a family member tests positive for the virus, as we may have to alert others and advise them to self isolate.

As soon as you know anything, please contact the school via telephone or email
admin@cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk

STAR PUPILS

FS1 — Reyansh, Isaiah

FS2 — Ujin, Eesa

YR 1 — Samanta, Isa

YR 2 — Shakirah, Telmuun

YR 3 — Amandeep, Imanuel

YR 4 — Maliq, Mergen

YR 5 — Zahra, Nishaf

YR 6 — Timea, Talia



GOLDEN TICKETS



Elisa, Arya, Aisha B, Martin,
Manjot, Noor, Maymuna, Aila A



ATTENDANCE



Our school attendance target this year is **97%**

Class attendance for the last week:

Y1	93.3%
Y2	90.08%
Y3	93.3%
Y4	99.2%
Y5	87.1%
Y6	89%
Overall	92.1%

Unfortunately we have not achieved our attendance target this week.

Holidays during term time

Please remember there will be no authorised leave during term time.

Holidays Overseas

We are still in the midst of a coronavirus pandemic and so the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is still strongly advising against travel overseas. Returning from ANY country abroad also requires a 10 day quarantine period.

School hopes parents would consider these facts very carefully before travelling abroad during the Easter holiday
(1st April - 16th April)

However, if you still do decide to travel overseas, please let us know, so we can advise you on our expectations of home learning and the dates your children can come back to school.

RAMADAN APRIL & MAY 2021

We are fast approaching Ramadan which is due to start during the Easter holiday.

Although no child under the age of puberty is obliged or should be expected to fast, we understand that older Muslim pupils at Cheetwood may wish to observe Ramadan and practise shorter periods of fasting in preparation for adulthood.

Cheetwood is fully committed to allowing its pupils to express their religious beliefs, but this has to be exercised appropriately within a primary school and balanced with the health and safety needs of the pupils involved.

The governing body (which includes some Muslim members) has discussed the matter and drawn up the following guidelines for Cheetwood pupils fasting during Ramadan:

- **Any pupil who wishes to fast should be 9 years or older;** anyone younger, the parent will need to discuss the matter further with Mrs Oxtan, headteacher
- All pupils that are fasting should bring a packed lunch and drink as a 'back up' in case they wish/need to break the fast (the hours of daylight will gradually increase during Ramadan and we might also get some hot weather)
- Before any child can begin the period of fasting, the parent will need to complete a form which gives permission, identifies the dates of the fast and agrees to provide their child with a packed lunch if they wish/need to break the fast
- There should be no opting in and out at whim, the decision to fast has to be a commitment

The above guidelines have been designed to enable the school to continue to run an efficient lunchtime session but, most importantly, to keep those pupils who are fasting healthy and safe, so that they gain the most out of this period of religious observance.

If your child wishes to fast during Ramadan please complete the permission form which you can obtain by contacting the school office (0161 834 2104 or admin@cheetwood.manchester.sch.uk)

NURSERY PLACES

Have you registered your 3 year old for a nursery place at Cheetwood for September 2021?

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2017 & 31st August 2018 they may be eligible for a nursery place.

Please check with the office that your child is on our waiting list!



Helplines & Support During COVID-19

Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse
Helpline: **0161 636 7525** 24/7 National
Domestic Abuse Helpline : **0808 2000 247**

For more information please visit:
www.endthefear.co.uk

Manchester has a Community Response Hub, this offers support for people affected by the COVID-19 crisis. This includes help with delivery of food, medication and help with loneliness, managing fuel top-up payments, online access and carer issues. The Hub is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 10am-2pm.

It is a free phone number **0800 234 6123** or email **COVIDSupport@manchester.gov.uk**