

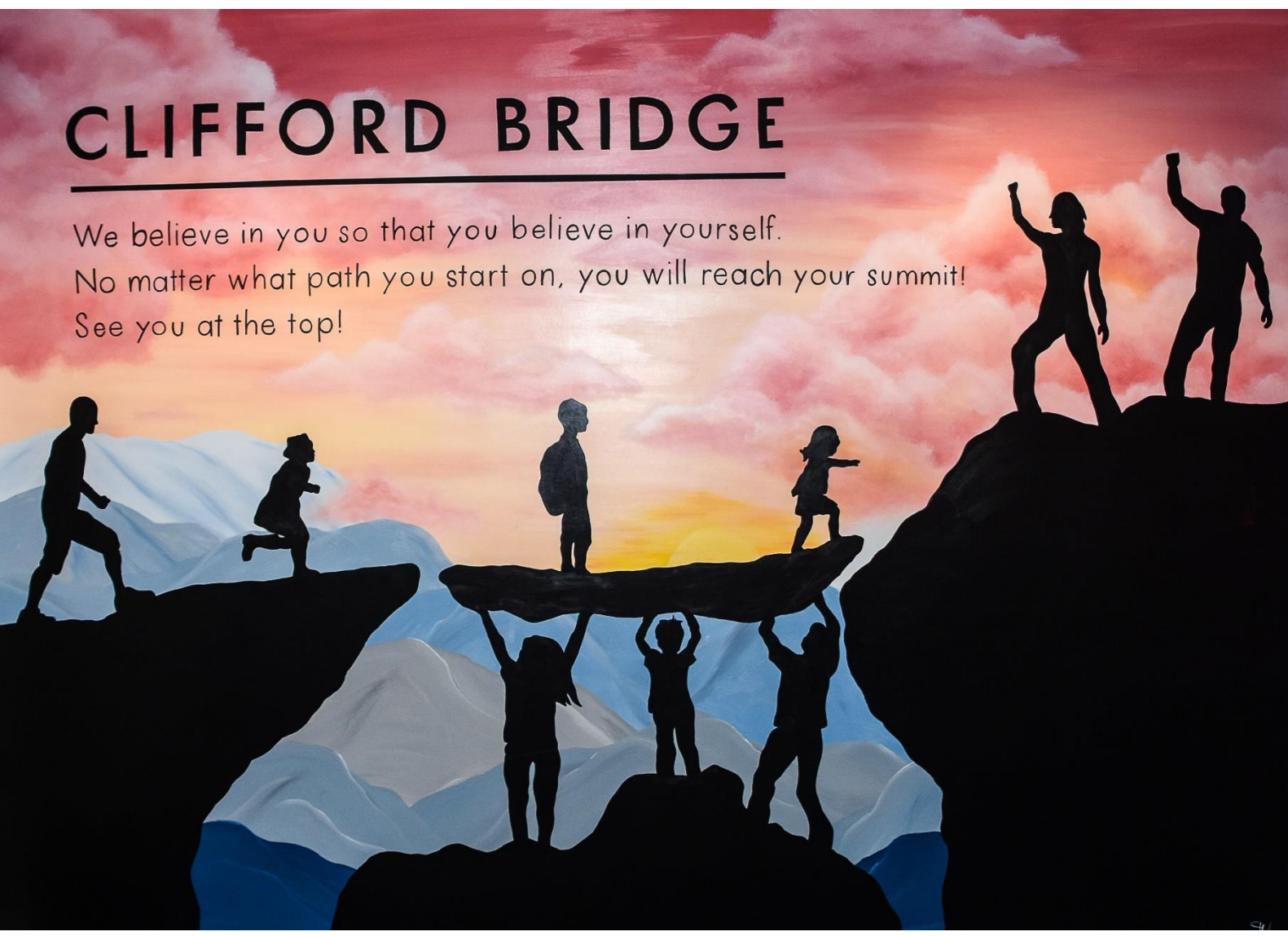
# Clifford Bridge Parent & Carer Handbook 2023-2024



**Clifford Bridge**  
Academy

## CLIFFORD BRIDGE

We believe in you so that you believe in yourself.  
No matter what path you start on, you will reach your summit!  
See you at the top!



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## Welcome from the CEO of Inspire Education Trust

I am thrilled to welcome you to our school, which is one part of a family of schools within our multi academy trust. Our Trust vision is:-

To be the educator and employer of choice, with a first-class education that empowers pupils to flourish, grow and achieve. Where pupils matter to us as much as their academic success and with staff who are valued, supported, and developed.

Together, we will live life in all its fullness.

This vision is our daily focus that articulates our ambitions for your children and our staff. Within this handbook you will find all the key information that you need to support your child with their learning and daily school life.

I look forward to seeing enjoying their journey with us.

**Lois Whitehouse, CEO Inspire Education Trust**



**Lois Whitehouse**  
CEO

## Welcome from the Head of Primary Education at Inspire Education Trust

Hello everyone, I am the strategic lead for all the Primary education within Inspire Trust, and as such I am responsible for the quality of education in all of our primary schools. At Inspire we believe that school improvement is the key driver to help us achieve our Trust Vision through *providing vibrant, knowledgeable, and dedicated improvement networks (personal, social, academic & enriching) which enables our children and staff to flourish.*

I am delighted to welcome all our parents to Inspire and to Clifford Bridge, where I'm sure it will be a happy and successful year for you all.



**Rob Darling**  
Head of Primary Education



## Welcome from the Headteacher

September 2024

A warm welcome to all our families at the beginning of the 2023-24 academic year. I hope you find this handbook useful; it contains information about our School Vision & Values as well as all the key information in one place so that you can refer to it during the course of the year, as you need it.



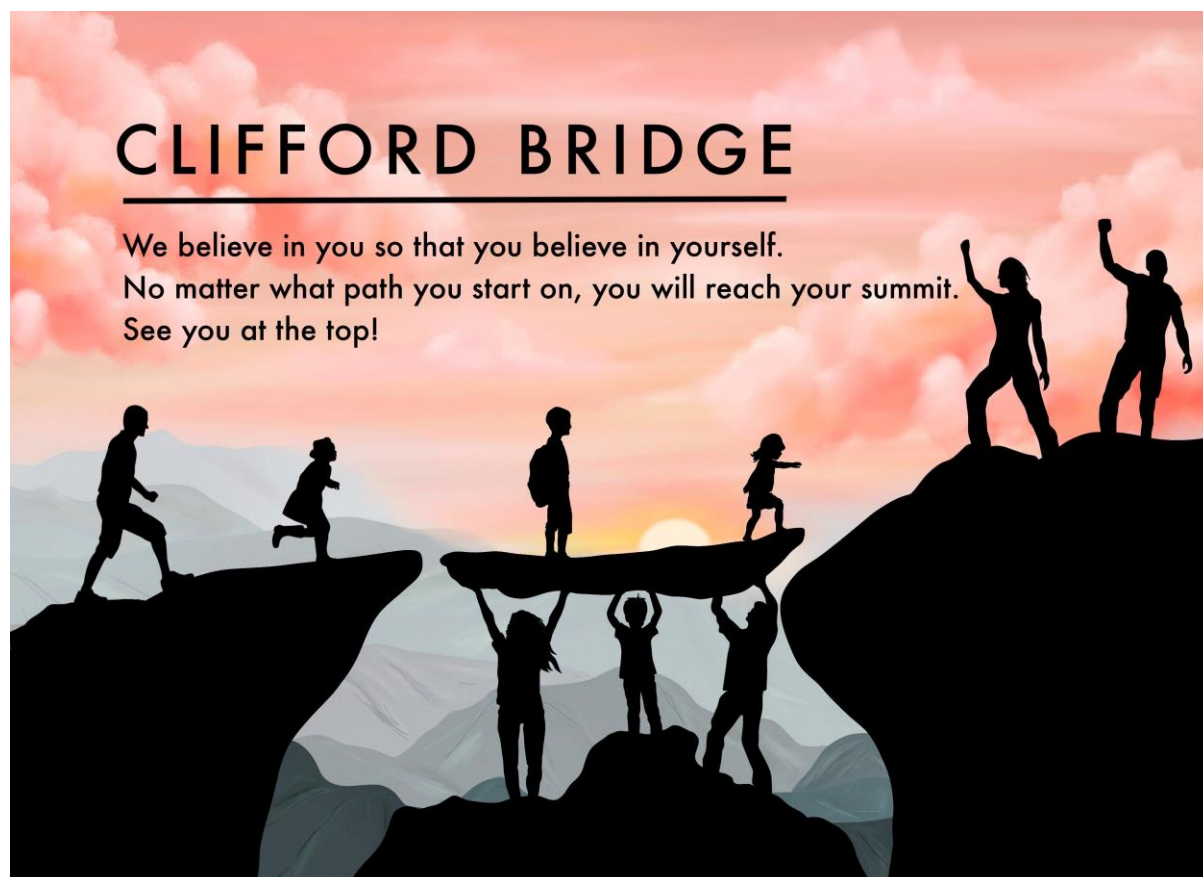
Please make sure, when you have a moment, you log into your child's new Class Dojo page and/ or Tapestry account (EYFS only). This is an excellent way to see what your child has been up to in school and any additional guidance or prompts from our fantastic teachers. Also, don't forget our Facebook and Twitter pages: 'Clifford Bridge Academy' and our school website <https://www.cliffordbridge.coventry.sch.uk/>

You will regularly find me on the school gates at the beginning and the end of the day so please stop and say hello. I am here to help in any way I can.

**Madaleine Morgan**

*Headteacher*

## Our School's Vision, Ethos & Values





## **Nurture**

When your seed is planted in our pot we promise to give you everything that you need to grow. We don't know what you will grow into yet but we will notice and encourage your uniqueness. Our broad and balanced curriculum will provide the water that will quench your thirst for learning, our staff will provide the nutrients that you need to thrive and our warmth and care will turn your face towards the sunshine. We promise to nurture your passions and celebrate your growth, in your own space and time.



## **Curiosity**

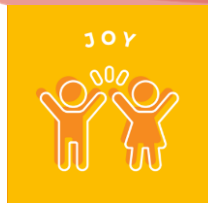
Curiosity is the helicopter that takes our thoughts higher and higher. The view beneath us gets bigger and bigger with every question that we ask. Like the propellers, as our curiosity builds, new avenues open up for us to explore. At Clifford Bridge, we push boundaries; we believe that if you never try, you'll never know.



## **Integrity**

At Clifford Bridge, our decisions and behaviours start with integrity. This allows us to be brave enough to stand up for what we believe in and challenge ideas that fall outside of our own moral compass. Much like a house, all the windows at Clifford Bridge, big or small, are transparent and strong. Like a window to a bright future, our integrity drives everything that we do.





## Joy

Joy is at the heart of everything we do at Clifford Bridge. Like a warm fire in a cold room, joy is a focal point that radiates warmth and draws people near. Each flicker of pride that we feel for our own achievements and those of others, enables the fire to grow and burn brighter. We aspire to ignite joy in every pupil at Clifford Bridge; through exciting learning experiences, opportunities to excel and lots of fun.



## Kindness

Kindness is the base on which Clifford Bridge is built; it is the cement that binds our school's foundations and makes it solid as a rock. It is respect, care and above all, love. Every day we sprinkle kindness wherever we go.



## Resilience

We want to give everyone the best gift of all. We want to teach you to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning. That way you will have a lifelong way to build and repair your own confidence.



## Pastoral Care



### Welcome from Margaret Sutherland, Pastoral Manager

In my role as Pastoral Manager I support both our children and families to enable them to flourish!

This includes high quality safeguarding, attendance monitoring and pastoral/behavioural support across school, working collaboratively with our families, staff and relevant professionals to ensure each of our children reach their potential.

I lead the Thrive programme in school which supports our pupils with confidence, self-esteem and their emotional wellbeing.



**Mrs Sutherland (Gilkes)**  
**Pastoral Lead**



**Miss Baynton**  
**Pastoral**

Working together with Cara Baynton (Learning Mentor), we aim to ensure that all of our pupils at Clifford Bridge Academy are happy, nurtured and emotionally resilient so that they are able to access their learning.

As stated in our school values, we believe that no matter what path each child starts out on, with the right support and encouragement, they will reach their summit!



## School Catering

### Healthier Lunchbox



Whether squeezing it in before the school run in the morning or before bed on busy midweek evenings, preparing your child's lunchbox can seem like just another thing on the list. School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then we've got you covered with our range of quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas and tips.

Click below for lots of recipe ideas and lunchbox healthy fillers from the NHS!

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

#### **Catering Academy at Clifford Bridge**

Catering Academy would like to welcome you to the catering facility at Clifford Bridge Academy. We are a dynamic, vibrant catering company and we believe our commitment for quality in all aspects of food service is unrivalled. We deliver a wide range of fresh food via our catering teams, providing truly personalised menus and food solutions. Our passionate and innovative approach to food allows us to deliver fresh and exciting dishes, prepared and served to exceed the highest quality expectations. We utilise local suppliers as well as our national supplier base, providing a national network of local supply, particularly important for all fresh produce. We only use top quality grade one suppliers including farm assured, organic and Fairtrade where applicable. Our menu will feature regular Halal options as well.



Please make sure that you keep us informed of any updates to your child's dietary requirements or allergies so that we can make sure that we cater for this in school.

ALL CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 RECEIVE A FREE SCHOOL MEAL AS PART OF THE UNIVERSAL OFFER FROM THE GOVERNMENT. PLEASE DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FREE NUTRITIOUS MEAL FOR YOUR CHILD.

## Meet the team.

### Michelle, Carol, Sam & Surjit

Michelle has been at Clifford Bridge Academy for 8 years and has been doing the kitchen manager role for 1 year. Carol is the newest member of the kitchen team who started at the beginning of the term. Surjit has worked in the kitchen for around 5 years and Sam joined the team during last academic year.

Michelle and her team are here to offer your child a warm welcome, providing a nutritious meal, every lunchtime. Here we have detailed information about the catering service as well as a guide to the menus we provide at the school.

To help produce delicious & healthy meals every day, we have a dedicated Company Nutritionist who analyses our menus to ensure they are fully compliant with allergen legislation and the standards set out in The School Food Plan.



### Healthy Eating Snacks:

In KS1 children do not need to bring snacks as fruit is provided as part of the governments 'Healthy Schools' initiative.

KS2 children should ideally bring a piece of fruit or an equivalent healthy snack. No crisps or chocolate bars. We encourage children to bring and eat healthy snacks only at break time.

We want to avoid all children eating high fat, high sugar and high salt snacks.

Please ensure your child only brings a healthy snack.

We only allow children to have water in their bottles they have in the classroom, that is all they need to keep hydrated.

## Communication



### School Website, Twitter, Weekly Newsletter & Diary for the Term

We are continually trying to improve the different ways we communicate with Parents and Carers at Clifford Bridge Academy.

There are six main ways we regularly share information:

**Parent diary dates:** Detailing the overview of the term with dates such as trips, parents' meetings and assessment weeks

**Social Media** – Follow us on Facebook & Twitter to see posts of what's going on in school and links to letters and other information sent home @CliffordBridgeAcademy

**Termly Curriculum Letter:** Explaining what the children will be covering in all curriculum areas throughout the term

**Class Dojo:** We share pictures of events happening in school and updates on events happening that day. Dojo/Tapestry should be reviewed between 8 – 4pm. A response to a Dojo/Tapestry post will be made within 2 working days. If the message is urgent (e.g. a child is worried about something that day etc...), this needs to be shared on the door or please contact the school office.

**The School Website:** Lots of useful resources about the life of the school including policies, more detailed information about the school's staff, curriculum, policies, admissions and Early Years provision.




The school office is open from 8am until 4pm every day to answer questions and pass information onto your child's class teacher. Please pop in or call us on






























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Please see Parent/Carer Links Policy for more information.

# Staffing 2023-24

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM			
Clifford Bridge			
 Mrs M Morgan-Headteacher	 Mrs R Robinson – Deputy Headteacher	 Miss L Smith – Assistant Headteacher	 Miss C Jaques – Assistant Headteacher
 Mrs D O'Brien EYFS Lead	 Mrs O'Driscoll Year 1/2 Standards Leader	 Miss L Smith Year 3/4 Standards Leader	 Miss C Jaques Year 5/6 Standards Leader

CLASS TEACHERS AND CLASS-BASED SUPPORT STAFF			
Clifford Bridge			
Nursery and Reception lead- Mrs D O'Brien			
Clifford Explorers	 Mel Harris	 Alice Niyonzima	
Nursery	 Mrs D O'Brien	 Mrs C Newsome	 Mrs G Lenton
Reception	 Mrs K Gardiner RG	 Mr S Wilson RW	 Mrs A Harris
	 Mrs H Dix	 Miss C Minton	 Mrs L Davies
Year 1 and 2 lead- Mrs O'Driscoll			
Year 1	 Mrs R Dhillon 1D	 Mrs K Hadder 1HD	 Mrs L Reyes
	 Mrs A Dainty	 Mrs L Davies	
Year 2	 Mrs L O'Driscoll 2O	 Miss K Shaw 2S	 Mrs A Flynn
Year 3 and 4 lead – Miss L Smith			
Year 3	 Miss L Smith 3S	 Mrs J Tarka 3T	 Mrs S Bhoohie
Year 4	 Mrs E Allen	 Mrs B Gudger 4G	 H Acton
	 Miss A Forsythe		
Year 5 and 6 lead – Miss C Jaques			
Year 5	 Mrs K Sunner 5S	 Mrs M Moore 5WM	 Mrs S Shergill
	 Mrs A Wright		
Year 6	 Miss C Jaques 6J	 Mr B Seath 6S	 Mrs S Limb
Cover Teacher	 Mrs L Jonck	Cover Supervisor	 Mr R Towe

Clifford Bridge	
<b>Pastoral Team</b>	 Ms M Sutherland Pastoral Lead  Miss C Baynton Learning Mentor
<b>Site Team</b>	 M Pittaway Site Services Officer  C Minton Cleaner  J Hollins Cleaner  S Hewitt Cleaner
<b>Office Team</b>	 Ms L Wanley Office Manager  Mrs A Bee Admin Assistant  To be confirmed Admin Assistant  Mrs L Collins Resources Assistant
<b>Lunchtime Supervisors</b>	 T Foreman Senior Lunchtime Supervisor  K Bassi  M Attrill  M Noon  J Smith  E Coates  T Woodbridge  A Illioiu  A Jenkins  S Wilkinson
<b>Play Worker</b>	 B Kailey  M Attrill  A Illioiu  K Bassi  A Jenkins
<b>Boomerang Before and After School Club</b>	 E Coates  A Illioiu  M Attrill  M Noon

## Governance

In a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) The MAT consists of Members and Directors. The Members are like shareholders and meet once a year. The trustees are responsible for the three core governance functions setting the direction for the schools, holding the CEO & Executive Leadership Team to account and ensuring financial correctness. They meet twice each term, as does the Finance and Standards Committee.



Each school has its own Local Governing Committee (LGC). The Headteacher is a member of the LGC. This group meets approximately each half term. The LGC monitors the work of the school both as a critical friend and also by holding the Headteacher to account for the quality of the education and care provided by the school.





They look at performance data, teaching and learning and monitor School Improvement Plan priorities. Governors visit the school frequently during each term. This allows them to know their school as well as question and evaluate current practice.



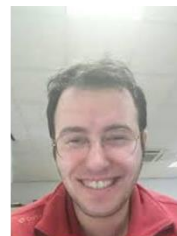
**Sarah Buxcey**  
**Chair**



**Alex Tomlinson**  
**Vice Chair**



**Janine Netthey**  
**Vice Chair**



**Shervin Motemedi**  
**Co-opted**



**Chisom Akujobi**  
**Co-opted**



**Julie Tarka**  
**Staff Governor**



**Tasnim Khan**  
**Parent Governor**



**Vacancy**  
**Parent Governor**

## Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

### Attendance Ladder



If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

The provision is open from Monday to Friday, offering the following times:

### Attendance

As you will be aware, a number of years ago the Department of Education removed a Head Teacher's discretion in granting holiday permission for families in term time. For many families, we realise this puts you in a difficult position, but it is recognition of the importance of our children's education. Margaret Gilkes, our Pastoral Lead, and I meet regularly to look at individual children's level of attendance, to spot any patterns that may arise and to arrange meetings with parents to increase attendance where there are any issues. Please remember to complete an 'Exceptional Absence Leave' form (available from the school office) well in advance of needing any exceptional leave. *Attendance levels have dropped*

*nationally since Covid and the government and DfE are focusing on improving this with schools' help. We need your child to be in school every day that they can to keep consistency with their learning. It is so important.*

### **Attendance information**

- Parents/Carers are asked to call school to give a reason for their child's absence before 9am if they are poorly.
- Parents/Carers will be called first thing in the morning if a child is absent and we have not been given a reason for this.
- If school have not been given a reason for absence and are unable to get hold of parents/carers, then a home visit will be conducted by school staff on the second day of absence.
- Attendance is monitored and parents will be contacted each half term if attendance is below 95%.
- If attendance falls below 90% parents will be asked to attend a meeting with the Head Teacher and Pastoral Lead.
- The Local Authority Attendance Officer may also attend meetings in school.
- A 6-week plan will be put in place to support families and encourage better attendance.
- Parents may be asked to provide medical evidence from their GP where there are consistent absences.
- If attendance has not improved after the 6 weeks then the Local Authority Attendance Officer will prepare a parenting contract which will be discussed with parents.
- If a child's attendance does not improve after all of the above then the Local Authority can start legal proceedings.

### **Punctuality**

We expect all children to be in school by 8.55am at the latest as the gates will then be locked to secure the site for all children. The classroom doors open at 8.45am. If children haven't arrived to school by this time they will need to go to the front office to register that they are late.

### **Non-Uniform Friday**

This year we will be continuing to run our whole class reward initiative on a Friday as last year. The best whole-class attendance will be rewarded by children coming into school in non-uniform on the Friday of that week – including the teachers! The cycle will run from Friday – Thursday inclusive. If you child's class have achieved this, we will notify you via School email, Dojo and Twitter. There will also be half termly, termly and annual events to

celebrate the children with 100%. \*\*Obviously, children who have regular medical or other appointments will have these excluded from their 100% tally. More information to follow.

We need children in school so they can learn and have fun!

## Before & After School Provision: Boomerang & our range of clubs

**Breakfast Club** – 7:45am-8:45am £5

### **After School Club**

- Session 1 (3:15pm-4:45pm) £8.50

- Session 2 (3:15pm-5:45pm) £12.50

Boomerang is fully inclusive and supports children with special educational needs as well as those who speak English as an additional language. Boomerang meets the needs of the children extremely well and staff are able to identify any needs within the provision and adapt where necessary. The staff are fully qualified and update their skills through regular training. There is close communication between the Boomerang staff and the rest of the school staff to ensure no messages or information gets lost between different parts of the school day. Boomerang understands the pressures that are put on parents/ carers with different working patterns and tries hard to accommodate flexible requests where possible.

Contact Emma and the team on 07934357830 for more information.



*1 - Emma Coates - Team Lead*



*2 - Michelle Attrill*





*3 - Andrea Illioiu*



*4 - Melanie Noon*



*5 - Kuli Bassi*

### **After-School Clubs**

We offer a range of after school clubs throughout the year. A termly timetable will be sent to you in advance. Places are on a first come, first served basis. If you have any questions about our after school clubs, please speak to Mr Towe.

## School Uniform 2023-2024

Clifford Bridge Academy expects high standards in dress and appearance. Our insistence on correct uniform is based on these reasons:

1. To present a smart appearance for the public identity of our pupils and enabling them to demonstrate a pride in their appearance and our school
2. To create cohesion and a sense of equality
3. With their school colours on, children can be immediately recognised We are insistent that all rules about the uniform must be followed explicitly. Pupils are expected to maintain a clean, smart appearance. All items are readily available from the recognised school outfitters.

These are the official school outfitters. Jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers and PE kit, can be purchased from one or some of the following suppliers.


*Andy Blair Sports & Schoolwear Suppliers*  
88-90 Barkers Butts Lane, Coundon Coventry CV6 1DY  
02476598080 [andyblairsports@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andyblairsports@yahoo.co.uk)

*Cat Ballou Originals Ltd*  
1-3 The Burges, Coventry, CV1 1HN  
02476555499 [www.catballou.co.uk](http://www.catballou.co.uk)

Uniform, without the school logo, can also be purchased from supermarkets and if you wish, you can purchase iron on logos for £1 per logo from the school office.

### Uniform Shop

We have an on-site uniform shop where good quality pre-loved items have been donated to school. This is available to all pupils regardless of need. The uniform shop is open every school day and a donation can be paid to the school office for these items. There is no barrier to wearing the Clifford Bridge Academy uniform and Disadvantaged pupils and their families are supported financially as required. Any family requiring support should seek this through the Pastoral Team in the first instance.

<b>SCHOOL UNIFORM</b>	
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Fleece, Jumper or cardigan	Clifford Bridge Academy logo or plain red.
Trousers	Black or grey smart trousers (no leggings)
Shorts	Black or grey smart shorts (just above the knee)
School uniform summer dresses	Red & white checked (no shorter than just above the knee)
Polo Shirt / shirt	White - plain standard style buttoned to the neck
Skirt/Pinafore dress	Black or grey (no shorter than just above the knee) Jersey and stretch fabric skirts should be avoided
Socks	Black, grey or white
Tights	Opaque black, grey or red
Shoes	<p>Plain black. Slip on, lace up, buckles, Velcro or plain black trainers. Not permitted –trainers that are not plain black, canvas, logo or stripe, stiletto heels, sandals or sling back.</p> 

<b>OPTIONAL ITEMS</b>	
Jewellery	<p>1 pair of small, gold or silver stud earrings (a matching pair, one in each earlobe). No other fashion jewellery will be permitted (e.g. rings, necklaces, dangly or hooped earrings etc).</p> <p>Jewellery for religious reasons will be permitted.</p>
Make-up	No make-up, nail varnish or acrylic nails are allowed.
Hairstyles	<p>Hair should be of a natural colour.</p> <p>Hair must be tied back in practical lessons for Health and Safety reasons.</p> <p>Hair must be kept out of children's eyes, using hairbands, small clips and hair slides – plain and in school colours (red, white, black or grey).</p> <p>Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours (red, white, black or grey).</p>
Bags	<p>School bookbags are encouraged.</p> <p>If pupils use a bag, it must be appropriately sized. It should hold children's books and reading diaries comfortably without causing any damage. Large bags/large rucksacks are not permitted for due to space on children's pegs.</p> <p>Bags featuring inappropriate images, slogans or phrases are not permitted. The school encourages pupils to bring non-valuable bags to school. The school will not be liable for lost or damaged school bags.</p>



### PE Kit

Jumper/ Hoodie	Plain black or red
Polo shirt/ T shirt	Plain white
Shorts	Plain Black (hot pants style will not be permitted)
Tracksuit bottoms/ leggings	Plain black
Socks	Black or white
Trainers	Not over ankle style
Children should come to school wearing their PE kit with their school jumper/ cardigan, over the top, on their PE days.	





## School Dates 2023-2024



Reminder of our Holiday Policy (a full copy can be obtained from the office):

- No term time holiday / long weekend / day trips will be authorised (unless in exceptional circumstances)

- A form must be completed to indicate dates of any absence (which will be recorded as unauthorized unless indicated by Headteacher) other than illness.

## Clifford Bridge Academy School Terms and Holidays 2023 – 2024

Term	Pupil Dates	Teacher Training Days (School is closed to pupils on these days.)
Autumn 2023	<b>Autumn Term 2023</b> Wednesday 6th September to Friday 22nd December	Friday 1st September 23 Monday 4th September 23 Tuesday 5th September 23
	<b>Half Term Break</b> Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November	Monday 6th November 23
	<b>Christmas Holiday</b> Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January	
Spring 2024	<b>Spring Term 2024</b> Tuesday 9th January to Friday 22nd March	Monday 8th January 24
	<b>Half Term Break</b> Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February	
	<b>Easter Holiday</b> Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April	
Summer 2024	<b>Summer Term 2024</b> Monday 8th April to Friday 19th July	Friday 12th July 24
	<b>May Day Holiday</b> Monday 6th May	
	<b>Half Term Break</b> Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May	
	<b>Summer Holiday Starts</b> Monday 22nd July	

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## Inclusion



### SEND at Clifford Bridge Academy

Not every child finds learning easy all the time. At Clifford Bridge Academy we understand that effective provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs is vital to ensure all children reach their full academic and social & emotional potential. The SEN Code of Practice (2014) describes a child or young person as having SEN if they have a learning difficulty or disability, which calls for special educational provision to be made for him or her.

A person has a learning difficulty if he or she:

- Has significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of others of the same age, or
- Has a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for others of the same age in mainstream schools.

The people responsible for SEND at Clifford Bridge Academy are:

- Head of Education Primary - Mr R Darling
- Headteacher – Mrs M Morgan
- Trust Inclusion Lead - Mrs V Prudham
- Inclusion Leader – Mrs Allen
- Inclusion Governor – Alex Tomlinson

Clifford Bridge Academy work hard to ensure that we have effective, positive relationships with families. Ensuring that parents/carers are enabled to support their child's development and progress at home and work in partnership with school will have a major impact on progress. We encourage parents/carers to work more closely with us, and we always set aside time for parents' evenings and regular conversations to support our families.

For further information about inclusion, follow this link to our website:

<https://www.cliffordbridge.coventry.sch.uk/key-information/inclusion> Alternatively, please contact **Mrs Allen**.



# Inspire Challenge Awards



- Homework has been a contentious issue with parents for many years.
- Should homework be banned? Is homework at primary school necessary? Do pupils receive enough education in class that homework is nothing but a waste of time? How do you consolidate skills and keep standards high?
- This issue raises strong opinions in teachers, parents, school leaders, governors and the wider public.
- The DfE launched its Activity Passport in January 2019 which was inspired by the National Trust 50 Things to do before you are 11¾ and supported by a range of organisations. However, some of the activities included in the passport weren't in line with the Inspire curriculum.

So in 2023...

We launched the Inspire Challenge Awards

Every child from Reception to year 6 has a set of 30 bespoke challenges to achieve throughout the academic year. These challenges are carefully planned to match with the Inspire Education Trust curriculum and ensure children are getting the experiences and opportunities that are their right as a child. Each challenge has been designed to make sure that all families can achieve these without impacting financially (school can support if you are struggling and we have ideas and ways to help). It ensures that children aren't stuck indoors on electronic devices and are getting out and about in the community and local area, keeping active and getting in touch with nature.

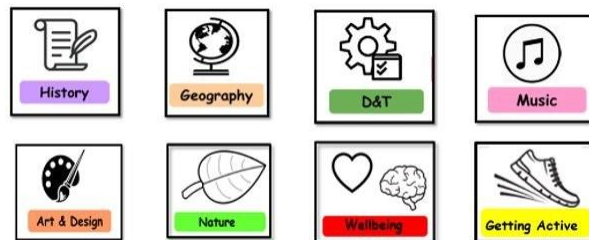


In order to develop a growth mindset, essential for future success, children are given a range of opportunities to try new things and maybe find a skill or talent they didn't know they had!

Teachers regularly check the booklets for children achieving challenges and there is space for you to record special moment or pride in your own child's achievements.

Please support us by helping your child achieve these challenges!

At the end of the summer term, there is a grand award ceremony for all children who have achieved all their challenges or tried very hard to complete them all.





## Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



Clifford Bridge's PTFA consists of parents, relatives and teachers who come together to support Clifford Bridge Academy. Our ethos is to support every single child in the school to allow them to grow and achieve their ambitions. We have a wonderful team who came together in September 2022 to put on exciting events to raise funds for the school. It has been a very successful first year as a new team and we have been delighted with the events and impact they have already had in such a short space of time. We have already experienced Christmas disco's, Easter raffles and competitions, pre-loved sales and a summer fete. On top of this, our PTFA helped to make our King's Coronation a memorable event for all, with their gift of a medal for every child in our school. Our PTFA support local charities, and have received the support from many local companies who have given their support to our events.

We have utilised money raised on projects throughout the school. All parents of Clifford Bridge Academy can join and would be warmly welcomed into the PTFA family.

Please look out for letters and postings on Social Media of future events.

## Family Support

### Family Support at Clifford Bridge

The Pastoral Team want every family to have the support they need to enable their child to thrive and achieve by feeling safe in their environment. We are here to help with the emotional and practical need of families, listening to concerns and difficulties being experienced by working together to recognise strengths and offer support as needed.

We aim to support families to breakthrough barriers of life that they are facing by engaging the family within school and other services if they are needed. As a team we strive to give every family the chance to thrive and achieve the best outcomes for themselves and their children.

The Pastoral Team offer the following;

- Advice about Safeguarding, Child Protection, Early Help and Universal Services
- Support to children in school Thrive, Boomerang, Forest School or individual support.
- Monitor attendance and support in year admissions
- Refer to other agencies such as school nurse or Family Hubs
- Support parent/carers with forms such as secondary applications, forms or benefits
- Completing charity applications
- Information about support with food, electricity and gas or housing
- Linking with agencies who can support families

### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

To apply for Free School Meals please visit Coventry City Council website by clicking here:

[Free School Meals – Coventry City Council](#)

### NHS Dentists in Coventry

[Find a dentist – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

### Food Banks in Coventry

[Coventry Foodbank – Helping Local People in Crisis](#)

### Domestic Abuse – help is available

You may be concerned about friends, family and neighbours who might be suffering domestic abuse – whether that is violence, being threatened or someone controlling their behaviour.

Victims of domestic abuse may well feel there is nowhere to turn to for help and nowhere to go right now if they want to leave an abusive relationship.

A list of organisations ready to help people in Coventry are:

[Home – Safe to Talk](#)

### **Coventry Haven**

[Coventry Haven Women's Aid](#)

### **Domestic Abuse accommodation – Valley House**

[Valley House – Domestic Abuse Accommodation Service – Coventry](#)

### **Adult Social Care**

Telephone: [024 7683 3003](tel:02476833003)

Email: [ascdirect@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:ascdirect@coventry.gov.uk)

### **Children's Social Care**

[Children's social care – Coventry City Council](#)

Anyone can talk to staff easily via the website for help and advice without having to talk to someone on the phone.

Together we are a community – let's spread the message that no victim is alone.

### **Young Carers**

If you need further support, information or ideas for activities then please visit their website:

Mental Health Services

If you are struggling with your mental health at this time, here are some links where you can get advice and support.

[Mental health – Coventry City Council](#)

### **School Nursing Team**

#### **Chat Health texting service**

Chat health is a free service that enables 11-19 year olds across Coventry to send confidential SMS text messages to School Nurses who will provide impartial advice and support. The number to text is 07507 331949.

Parents can call the School Nurses between 8.30am – 16.30pm, Monday to Friday on 01926 495321 to discuss any child health concerns they may have.

For Parental advice and support from your school nurse please text "Chat Health" on 07507 329114 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. If your child is unwell please call your GP or call 111. For medical emergencies ring 999.

# Online Safety

## Online Safety on the NSPCC Website

[Keeping children safe online](#)

## The UK Safer Internet Centre

[UK Safer Internet CentreHomepage](#)

## Childline

[Staying safe online](#)

## Childnet

[Childnet — Online safety for young people](#)

## CEOP

[CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](#)



### Who to contact

Telephone	01926 495321
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### Where to go

Name	Coventry Family Health and Lifestyle Team
Address	Moat House Leisure and Neighbourhood Centre Winston Avenue Wood End Coventry

### COVENTRY FOODBANK

**HELPING PEOPLE IN  
FOOD CRISIS**

[Help now](#)



Jumper/ Hoodie	Plain black or red
Polo shirt/ T shirt	Plain white
Shorts	Plain Black (hot pants style will not be permitted)
Tracksuit bottoms/ leggings	Plain black
Socks	Black or white
Trainers	Not over ankle style
Children should come to school wearing their PE kit with their school jumper/ cardigan, over the top, on their PE days.	





## Cost of living support and wellbeing



The Government 'Help for Households' website has lots of support for families feeling the pinch in the current cost of living crisis.

See what support is available to help with the cost of living and save money with our energy saving tips.

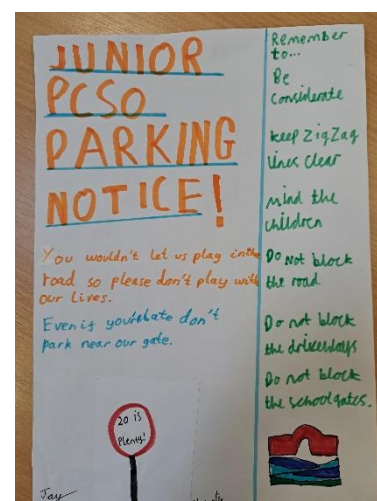
<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>

## Driving and parking around school

One of the biggest complaints is about parking and driving around the school site. Please can all members of our school community be considerate of the local neighbourhood and be careful in the way they drive around a confined and busy area, particularly at the beginning and the end of the school day. I want to remind parents that the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates should not be used to drop children off at school, nor should children be dropped off in the middle of the road. Please park carefully and courteously in the roads surrounding the school.

Please note: it is illegal to park OR stop on yellow zig-zag lines at any time. Please ensure that when you park, you leave enough space for an emergency vehicle to get down the road.

Junior PCSOs help to remind our school community to park safely by issuing tickets to people who do not drop off or park safely.



**For any other information not found in this handbook visit**

**[www.cliffordbridgeacademy.org](http://www.cliffordbridgeacademy.org)**