



Getting Started with The Anglian Learning App

A parent's guide to how Bottisham Village College communicates with you

Why we use the app

The Anglian Learning App is our primary channel for communicating with parents and carers. We use it to send messages, share news, publish notices, and (soon) manage our calendar of school events.

The one thing to know before you start

Once you are signed up to the app, you will stop receiving these communications by email.

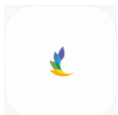
The app becomes your main source for school news, newsfeed posts and notices — not a copy of what's already coming to your inbox.

If you're waiting for an email that never arrives, check the app first.

Setting up your account

Setting up only takes a few minutes:

- Download “Anglian Learning App” from the App Store or Google Play — look out for this icon:

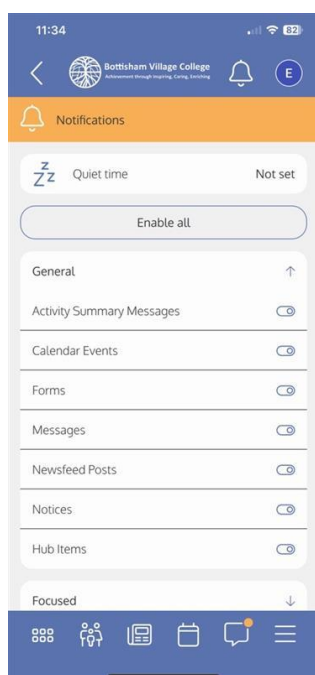


- Open the app and select Bottisham Village College as your school.
- Register using the email address the school holds for you — this is how the app links you to your child's records.
- Check your inbox for a confirmation or invite email from the app and follow the link to verify your account.
- Turn on notifications, both in the app and on your phone, so you don't miss anything — see below.

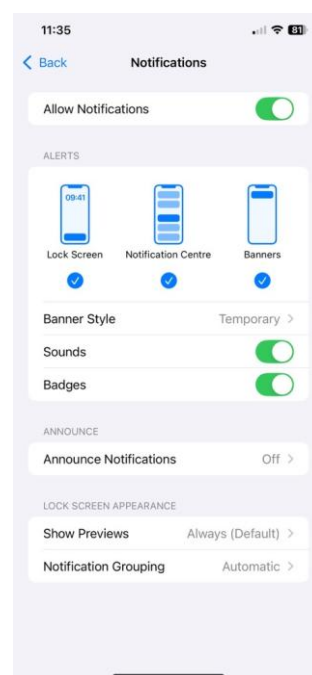
If you have more than one child at the school, make sure you select the correct child when viewing child-specific information — you can switch between children from the Parent Portal at any time.

Turning on notifications

This needs doing in two places — the screenshots below show exactly where:



Step 1 — inside the app: Menu > Notifications > Enable all



Step 2 — on your phone: Settings > Notifications > Anglian Learning App

What you'll find in the app

Home Screen

Your starting point — highlights featured posts and gives you shortcuts to the app's main functions.

Newsfeed

Works much like a social media feed. Pinned posts (the most important updates) are grouped together at the top so you never scroll past them to find new content. We can also target posts to specific year groups or classes, so what you see is relevant to your child.

Calendar

Our calendar of school events, viewable in the app. If you have children at more than one school using the app, you can filter events by child.

Parent Portal

Here, you may see your child's timetable and their teachers. We also may ask you to complete some forms using this feature. Please note, we do not use the attendance and home learning features in the portal.

Dashboard

Built for busy parents: it surfaces what needs your attention, such as featured posts, upcoming events, and anything requiring a response from you (for example, consent forms).

Messages — not used at Bottisham Village College

The app includes a messaging feature, but we don't use it to communicate with parents. Please don't rely on it, and please don't use it to contact us — you won't get a reply that way.

To contact the college directly

Email us using the format firstinitialsurname@bottishamvc.org (for example, Jane Smith would be jsmith@bottishamvc.org).

If you're not sure who to contact, email the school office and we'll point you in the right direction.

Finding your way around

The bottom navigation bar holds the features parents use most often. Anything used less frequently sits inside the menu (the icon with three lines, sometimes called the “hamburger” menu), so the main screen stays uncluttered.

Frequently asked questions

I signed up but I'm not getting notifications

Check your phone's notification settings for the app, and check the notification settings inside the app itself (Menu > Notifications). Both need to be switched on — see the screenshots above.

I have children in different year groups — will I see everything?

Yes. You'll see general school-wide posts plus anything targeted to your child's year group or class.

I'd rather not use an app — can I still get emails?

Please email the college to discuss your options — we want to make sure every parent can access the information they need.

Who do I contact if I'm having technical problems?

Contact us at the college and we'll help you get set up.