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Dear Parents and Children,

What a strange time we are living through!

I hope that you are all well and staying safe in this difficult period. The school remains 'open' during weekdays for children of 'Key Workers', there has been about 6 - 8 children here each day. We are following the government's guidance on the safest ways to facilitate this, but would like to thank you for your support and adherence to the national 'stay at home' guidance throughout this time.

Thank you to everyone who has sent emails and shared what they've been up to at home. I hope the 'home-learning' is going well - not too stressful for mums and dads? It is so good to see so many accessing the online resources we've made available. Well done to everyone who has passed milestones on NumberGym - certificates will be waiting for you when you return. I thoroughly recommend the White Rose Home Learning Lessons which have easy to follow half hour video maths lessons and worksheets attached to print and complete. Don't forget you can find links to all the useful websites from the class or parent's pages on the school website www.corvedaleprimary.co.uk Keep checking them regularly, as we add more when we find them. We at school are enjoying the Joe Wicks daily keep fit workout and the David Walliams stories. If you haven't found either of these yet, they're worth a look. Drop us an email if you can recommend any good website to add to the list.

As we are not able to provide meals in the normal way at this time, children eligible for free school meals can benefit from a national voucher scheme whilst they stay at home. This delivers on the Government's commitment to provide ongoing support for the 1.3 million children that would receive benefits-related free school meals at their school. As soon as we receive access to this system (expected imminently), we will be able to provide every eligible child with a weekly shopping voucher worth £15 to spend at supermarkets whilst we are closed due to coronavirus. The scheme will allow us to generate vouchers to families electronically, or as a gift card for those without internet access. Through the scheme, we will be able to create vouchers for the following supermarkets: Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose, and M&S. The Government recognises that it may not be convenient or possible for some families to visit one of these supermarkets, and they are working to see if additional supermarkets can be added to this list. Please contact us through email or telephone during normal school hours if your child is eligible and would like to receive vouchers.

I'm sorry to say that the Coronavirus has put pay to our planned residential this year. The YHA have informed me that they have cancelled all bookings before 1st July so we shall not be able to go to Manorbier. All deposits will be returned to you.

As we approach the end of term it seems very strange not to be looking forward to the usual end of term celebrations such as the Easter Service and Awards Assembly. Many thanks to you all for your understanding and support. I would like to thank the staff here at school who have demonstrated great dedication to ensure those in the most need have received excellent care.

Like you, I don't know how long the period of 'lockdown' will continue for, I very much doubt that we will be able to start the summer term on time. For however long it is, stay safe and well and I look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Brough

Governors End of Term Message

Dear Parents,

As we enter these troubled times let us assure you that in line with the Governments advice we as the Governing Body will support Mr Brough and his staff in all aspects of their contingency plans made to support both those families who will need to continue to access school and those whose children will need to remain at home. We realise that this will be hard for both parents and children especially for the Year 6 children who are moving on to secondary education soon. I'm sure that at some point if school does not resume before the summer holidays that the headteacher will look at what can be done to bid them a farewell to Corvedale Primary School.

We would ask you to support the staff as they also cope with both the demands placed on them and their own personal health and wellbeing as well as that of their own families. Difficult and unusual times lie ahead but if we all work together in a mutually supporting role, noting and abiding by Government advice we will come through this with the minimum of heartache.

The school remains in a good place educationally, financially and socially with good positive endorsements from you about all aspects of the school and once things return to some resemblance of normality we can move forward again.

Lastly I would like to record our deep admiration for the staff who have answered the Governments plea to keep the school open despite the risk posed to their own and their families health and I'm sure that this is also echoed by all parents.

D. Hedgley.

Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body.

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