



# Corvedale CE Primary School

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## Further Update

I hope that you and your families are well.

Last week, following the Government's announcement, I asked you to give an indication whether you might consider your children returning to school on the 1st June for Reception, Y1 & Y6 and the 1<sup>st</sup> July for other years.

Most of you have responded and shared your views, thank you for your comments. The majority of you have decided to wait until September before sending your children back to school, I totally respect your decision and I look forward to welcoming them back then.

Children who are not in school will continue to be set activities to undertake at home, mirroring (where possible) what is taking place in school. Any Reception, Y1 and Y6 pupils not sent back to school on 1st June, will be welcome to join us at any point later in the term, but we ask for one weeks' notice of this occurring to enable us to make any alterations e.g. staffing etc.

Some of you have asked for more detail as to what the schooling would look like if we were to admit more children before making up your mind. At present we have to make plans for what we know.

The detail has been dependent on the demand for the number of children returning so things may change and we intend to review things on a weekly basis.

Currently, there is no plan for pupils in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 to return to Corvedale this term (except for those of keyworkers and those who are most vulnerable). Pupils in Y2 to Y5 will continue to be supported as they are currently, but parents need to be mindful that teachers will be working each day at school and will not have as much capacity to communicate as often as they have been doing. Indeed, we will be making more use of those staff members who cannot be in school, to make phone calls and respond to tasks

I must stress that on 1<sup>st</sup> June till the end of summer term **school will not be the same** as it was prior to lockdown. However, we will continue to provide some semblance of normality. Children returning to school will follow **lessons** similar to those recommended for home learning e.g. some maths and English tasks set during the day, some lessons based around a theme either history, geography or science. Mr Bennett will be teaching singing/music each week as he is only being employed by us at the moment. We will also endeavour to get the children outside as much as possible, using our school grounds for games and activities. Jack Croton will be teaching PE each Friday. Children will be provided with a set of personal equipment which will only be used by them. Sharing of equipment will be discouraged as much as possible.

School will be **open for 4½ days each week** Monday to Thursday 9.00 - 3.15, Friday 9.00 - 12:30 (with the exception of key worker children who may remain Friday pm) This will allow staff to have planning and preparation time and thoroughly 'deep' clean the facilities once a week.

Regularly cleaning of classrooms will continue but for the time being twice each day.

Children shall be taught in small groups or '**bubbles**', certainly no bigger than the government recommended limit of 15 pupils per class but will be a lot less than this in practice.

- YR and Y1 in their own classroom
- Y6 in their own classroom
- Children of key workers in Mrs Littlar's classroom (I am still awaiting guidance as to YR Y1 Y6 children who may fit in to more than one category)

Once allocated children would have to remain in that 'bubble'.

N.B. Pupils in Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 can only attend school if they are the children of keyworkers or are pupils who meet the school/government's description of vulnerable. Places for these pupils can only be arranged by emailing the school.

Children will **enter each classroom from external fire doors** and will only access the main building to use toilets.

Where at all physically possible, **children will not mix** with other bubbles in school at all.

At **playtimes** 'bubbles' will be kept in specific zones - using the back playground, field and playground. It will be easier to achieve social distancing with the older children, of course, but as you all can appreciate very difficult with our youngest children. Therefore, we are not guaranteeing minimum distances between pupils and others. Also note that due to small numbers, I can't see a way around the problem that staff will have to move between the bubbles, for things such as supervision/first aid etc.

Children and adults will be expected to **wash hands** thoroughly and regularly during the course of the day.

**No school meals** will be available; children will have to bring their own packed lunch which will be eaten in class bases not in the school hall. We will continue to provide Free School Meals vouchers during term time for eligible pupils whether attending school or not.

**Access to school** will be limited.

Please arrive between 8.50 & 9.00am **if arriving by car**. A one-way system will be in operation for cars, at the start of the day enter via the top gates, drop off in the coned area, exit grounds via the bottom gates keeping to the right down the playground. **DO NOT DROP OFF AT VILLAGE HALL**. NB school minibuses will be using their normal route so be aware of this.

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE** unless you need to call at the school office. If you need to call at the school office, park up by staffroom window, wait outside the porch until called in. One person at a time in the porch.

Parents **walking to school** with their children should leave and collect their child at the gate to the field (preferably between 9.00am and 9.10am)

Children being dropped off at the Corvedale Centre for Children may be accompanied by one adult. **NO PARENTS WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING.**

End of day, enter the playground at the top gate, wait in the coned area, **children will be sent out to you, DO NOT LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE** unless you need to call at the school office.  
If you require **school transport**, we will need to know so that it can be arranged.

**School uniform** should NOT be worn. We would encourage that children wear a different change of clothes each day and that children change their clothing and it is washed as soon as they get home. Also children will need water bottles, sunhats and cream (although it would be better to apply 24 hour sun cream before coming to school)

**No personal items** of stationery (e.g. pencil cases) or toys should be brought into school

The Local Authority have been advising on how schools should deal with any **behaviour** which is unsafe (e.g. deliberately breaking social distancing rules). An addendum to the school's Behaviour & Anti-Bullying Policy will be shared on the school website and explained to pupils.

The school will have **PPE** resources in school should anyone show any signs of illness. Anyone with symptoms will be isolated and sent home immediately.

It is essential that social distancing is continued at home by pupils and their family members, to avoid the virus being brought into the school and spread amongst other pupils and staff. If your child or family member has had contact with anyone outside with Covid-19 symptoms do not send them to school, you must also contact the school at the earliest opportunity. Also please note that if it is thought that your family has broken government guidelines regarding social distancing etc. the school will refuse admission of your child.

As per the current NHS and government advice, children must be kept at home, if they develop coronavirus symptoms, for a period of 7 days and members of that household for 14 days. Symptoms include a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and loss of sense of smell/taste. Where symptoms continue after 7 days, or begin to worsen, parents/carers should call 111. If someone in a child's household has symptoms, the child must self-isolate for 14 days from the day that the other person's symptoms started. This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear. More information regarding symptoms and actions can be found on the NHS website

[\(https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/).

As I said before, these plans will be reviewed on a weekly basis. If you are one of the undecided and change your mind during June and July we need at least **one week notice** before we can accept your child in school.

Lastly, I am very proud of my staff for their dedication and commitment over the last few months and I would like to thank you for all your messages of support, it has been very much appreciated.

As you all would no doubt agree, it has to be safe for us all.  
Stay home, Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Brough