



# Corvedale CE Primary School

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## Return to school September 2020

Dear Parents,

Everyone at Corvedale Primary School is looking forward to welcoming your child back to school in the first week in September. Even though the Covid-19 epidemic continues, the Government have deemed it safe and request that all children return to school at the start of the autumn term. The government and local authority have issued extensive guidance and I have been giving this careful consideration how it will work at Corvedale. I believe we are luckier than most schools as we are relatively small, but I've still had lots of factors to take into consideration. I believe that we, where possible, will be able to return to some sort of recognisable normality however it is necessary to make some significant changes to everyday procedures which I will outline here below. I would be grateful if you would read these carefully with your children so that you and they fully understand prior to September.

The school will reopen for children on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. School will open every day from **8:45am** when children will be allowed into classes and a start the day activity will be set. Lessons will begin at 9.00am.

**Entrance** to classrooms will be via the external doors on the field side, these will be accessed off the playground by the side 'field' gate. No parents will be allowed beyond this gate (with the exception of parents of new Reception children and anyone needing to access the Corvedale Centre for Children)

School buses will be operating; they should arrive at school between 8.40 & 8.50 and will depart at the end of the day between 3.15 & 3.25. Children arriving on the school bus will be dropped off on the school playground and let into school.

Parents arriving with children by car should park at the village hall and accompany their child on to the playground. Only one parent per family on the school premises thank you. The school playground will be for school minibuses and pedestrians only.

Please observe social distancing and do not congregate on the playground or village hall car park. If parents need to call at the school office, they should wait outside the porch until called in. One person at a time in the porch. No parents will be allowed within the school building during the school day without an appointment.

**All four classrooms** will be operating: Class 1 (Reception & Y1); Class 2 (Y2 & Y3); Class 3 (Y4 & Y5); Class 4 (Y6). Once in school, children will be restricted to these class 'bubbles' and for the time being will not be permitted to mix with other bubbles. Children will enter & leave each classroom from external fire doors and will only access the main corridor to access toilets/library/hall/cloakroom etc. Internal classroom doors will be propped open to avoid contact and rooms will be well ventilated (windows open).

Access to **toilets** will be restricted with just two pupils entering at any one time. Water fountains will be turned off and not to be used so children should bring a **water bottle** for their own personal use. (Water or low-sugar, fruit squash only thank you)

Children will be required to clean their hands often during the school day: on entry in morning; at the end of all breaks; before lunch; before & after handling shared resources; after a toilet break; after coughing/sneezing etc. Alcohol hand rub or sanitiser and anti-bacterial soap will be available in each classroom.

**Playtimes** will be different as they will be shorter but more frequent. We are lucky to have such a large outside space at our disposal, weather permitting we can use the field too. Staggered breaktimes will be used and each class will be allocated a section of field and playground to use. Each class will have a dedicated box of

outdoor play equipment to use. Other outdoor equipment, climbing frames & sit-n-ride toys etc will be cleaned between 'bubbles' of children using them and multiple 'bubbles' will not use it simultaneously.

**School meals** will be available from the start of term. They will be served in hall as normal, but children in Class 1 & 2 will eat their meals in their classroom, Children in Class 3 & 4 will eat in the hall with tables set so children face one-way and classes are not mixed. Children in Class 3 & 4 with packed lunches will eat them within their classroom.

**School uniform** must be worn, and children will require a PE kit which should be contained in a small bag to be kept on their cloakroom peg. With the autumn weather soon on us children will need bring a coat or cagoule every day too.

**In classrooms** children will not be sat apart. Teachers have made changes to classroom layouts to support distancing where possible. Children will be seated side by side and/or facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on where space permits. Where possible, they will not change seats throughout the day. Children should not bring in any pencil cases for the time being. Personal equipment, such as pens, pencils, pencil crayons, rulers, scissors etc. will be issued to avoid children having to share. Toys and anything similar should not be brought into school. Children should have their own water bottles where possible as water fountains will be turned off.

We aim to return to the school's normal **curriculum** in all subjects as early as possible.

We have always had an exciting, rich, balanced curriculum but a review over recent months has led to new schemes for PSHE, Geography and History, Art and DT for September 2020 plus a new approach to reading, and embedding writing and maths programmes even further.

We plan to bring our autumn term assessments forward to the last week September. This will allow us to look again at English/maths planning and adjust if necessary, to plan based on the educational needs of the children possibly some re-teaching of previous year content etc. The Reception Baseline assessment has been postponed until Autumn 2021 but we are expecting Y6 SAT assessments to return in summer 2021.

For the time being there will be no whole school assembly but an act of daily collective worship will be in classes. There will be no house activities or wake up sing up on Wednesdays, but Mr Bennett will be teaching a music lesson within each classroom.

We are still deciding how reading books coming home and other homework will operate. Further details on this and the curriculum will be in your child's class newsletter next week.

**At the end of the school day** parents should wait on playground and observe a safe distance. Children will be called from each class and exit via the side field gate. Bus children will be called from each class.

Please email if you need any further clarification. Staff will be in school from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September for two staff training days if there are further questions of them. Mrs Pote will be in the office on those days should you need to collect school uniform etc but please ring to make an appointment.

Once again, I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please ensure that they have completed as much as possible the CGP books we sent home during lockdown; these can be returned to school during that first week back.

Finally, remember that if you, or your child, or someone in your household, have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive 10 days prior, do not come into school.

I hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer holidays. Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

J Brough  
Headteacher