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Dear Parents,

Coronavirus update - school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, as you are aware our school is 'closed for the majority of children' until further notice.

As advised by the government, we will remain open for the children of critical workers (e.g. NHS staff, and others in frontline services). Being at home is the safest place for you, your family and your child, we urge that you do not send your child into school unless you have no other choice. This is a national closure so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. The Government announced yesterday that the closure will be at least until half-term, 18th February. We'll re-open fully then if we can and will let you know when this is by email, Twitter and notification on the school's website.

What we'll continue doing while your child is at home:

Your child's learning is important to us, so we'll continue to help your child to learn. The staff and I will still be in school providing care for the children here and preparing learning for those children at home.

We have put together home-learning packs together and these can be ready for collection later this week. If your child's surname begins with letter A - L please collect on Thursday between 9am and 3pm. If your child's surname begins with letter M - Z please collect on Friday between 9am and 3pm. You do not need to book an appointment for this, but it is requested that only one person comes to collect where possible, and when you arrive on the school site you must wear a face covering and adhere to distancing regulations should other people also be waiting.

Every child will receive:

- Several learning books (which we call their CGP books as this is the name of the publisher) - for most there is a Reading comprehension book, a GPS book and a Maths targeted study and question book. YR children have something slightly different.
- KIRF Maths homework exercise book, spelling lists/folders and a home exercise book.
- links for online resources listed on the school website

From Monday your child's class teacher will email you each day (it will actually be the evening before) with **a list of activities to complete during the following day**. We will be setting approximately 2-3 hours of activities each day; you and your child can then choose how best to organise the day ahead. Please acknowledge receipt of the email and we ask that you find time to check the tasks the children have completed and let us know of anything they've found tricky that we may need to cover again. It would be helpful if certain tasks are photographed and emailed back so we can see how they're getting on.

Keep encouraging your child to read. **Reading** books can be exchanged through school. There will be a returns box in reception. Let us know when you are able to collect some new reading books and we will have them waiting at reception. Please allow 24 hours before collection.

What we need you to do:

- Collect the home-learning packs this week.
- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office via admin@corvedaleprimary.co.uk or telephoning 01584 841630 as soon as possible.
- Please check and acknowledge receipt of your emails daily as this will be the main line of communication.
- Make sure your child completes each home learning task within the set time.
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a scary time and we should make sure children feel supported. BBC Newsround has regular updates for younger children and YoungMinds has practical steps older children can take to help with anxiety.
- Stay at home and stay safe.

We will try to call you occasionally to see how you are but if you need to speak to us in between times remember we will still be here at school during the usual hours.

Free School Meals

If your child is in Y3-6 and usually receives free school meals, we may be able to provide this service to those who are eligible. The logistics of this are still to be confirmed, please let us know by email or telephone if you will need this service, or are struggling. Please note this does not apply to Universal Infant Free School Meals provided to all children in YR - Y2, only those who's families are in receipt of specific means-tested benefits.

We appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this unprecedented situation. We understand that this latest lockdown is far from ideal and will have an impact on you and your family, all we can hope for is that we stay safe.

If you want to get in touch to share any concerns, please don't hesitate to do so.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please call 111 or use the link [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Brough
Headteacher