



Corvedale CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

As announced by the Prime Minister last week our school will fully re-open to **all children** from **Monday 8th March**. Routines and procedures will remain in place to protect you, your children and the staff at school from the continued threat of COVID-19.

The school playground will be for school minibuses and pedestrians only. If you live in a place where travel on the **school bus** is possible then I encourage you to do so. Likewise if you live within **walking or cycling** distance to school then do so when possible. 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.

Entrance to classrooms will continue to 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 access to the Corvedale Centre for Children.

Please observe social distancing and do not congregate on the playground or village hall car park. Also leave the area around the gate open for free movement. 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 and **masks must be worn by visitors** thank you. No parents will be allowed within the school building during the school day without an appointment.

To make things a little less congested on the playground and carpark we will be operating **staggered starts and finishing times** as follows.

	Morning arrival	Afternoon departure
School Minibuses	8.30 - 8.40	3.00 – 3.10
Child's Surname O -Z	8.40 – 8.50	3.00 – 3.10
Child's Surname L - N	8.50 – 9.00	3.10 – 3.20
Child's Surname A - K	9.00 – 9.10	3.20 – 3.30

I appreciate this is in reverse alphabetical order but it balances out better for us with numbers. Also I know some mums and dads have work commitments and these times may be inconvenient but please do what you can. Parents with children on the minibuses please note the slightly earlier departure of the afternoon buses. Gates will be locked at 9:10 and registration will 'close' at 9:15am, children after that time will be recorded as late on the register. Children arriving in the later time slots will **not be missing any lessons**, neither will those leaving earlier. During the half an hour at the start and end of the day teachers will be supervising independent 'filler activities' such as spelling and times tables practice, handwriting and reading activities.

Corvedale Centre for Children will be open each day for Breakfast Club starting from 8am and After-School Club open till 5.30pm. Please book a place with them on any days you would like your child to attend.

Spring is not too far away and it is warming up a little outside but make sure your child is **suitably dressed** for the season. Rooms will be ventilated well and we will get children outside for a breath of fresh air regularly and when possible. I recommend jumpers, sweatshirts or cardigans be worn and coats brought in every day.

Your child **should not bring** toys or other personal items into school other than essentials such as lunch boxes and clothing. We have all the stationery they need here in school. However they will need to return on the 8th March with **all home-learning books and any school reading books** they have taken home.

Children will remain in **class 'bubbles'** during the school day. To maintain distance where possible, each class will have separate break times and lunches will be eaten separately. Teachers and staff will be operating across different classes to facilitate the curriculum and maintain supervision levels. We will try to maintain our distance from children and other staff where we possibly can.

The school kitchen will be open and Heather Meyrick is looking forward to cooking meals again for your child. Look on the weekly newsletter for the menu for the week ahead.

PE lessons will be as normal with Jack Croton, Class 1, 2, and 4 each Friday. Class 3 every Monday afternoon. Holly Gough will also teach a dance session with Classes 1 and 2 on Tuesday until Easter. **After school activities** will be suspended until after the Easter break but I'm hoping we can start some of these up again in April.

Take the opportunity before the children come back to school to remind them **to help prevent the spread of any viruses** by using good personal hygiene especially washing and gelling hands and observing social distances where possible. Children will not wear masks in school but may wish to wear them on the journey to school. **Masks or a face coverings** will be worn by all adults in school.

Finally, remember that if you, or your child, or someone in your household, have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive, you must inform us but do not come into school. You must 'self-isolate immediately and for the next 10 full days counting from the day after contact with the individual who tested positive.'

Keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

J Brough

Headteacher