



Corvedale CE Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents,

A very happy New Year. I hope you managed to make the most of the Christmas celebrations and your families are safe and well.

Once again we are starting another year with the ongoing pandemic affecting the whole of the world. There has been much in the news over the Christmas break regarding return to school due to the rising numbers of Covid-19 Omicron variant.

At the time of writing, our school will open for the spring term as normal on Thursday 6th January. It is our intention to keep the school open, with as many children and staff here and functioning normally as much as we possibly can.

Saying that, we have some staffing difficulties this week and I know of a number of families with the virus at this time. My view is quite simple, and I hope you share it, **that to reduce the risk of spreading the virus within our school community if there is a positive case of Covid in the household then please keep your children away from school.**

Here is a copy of the latest guidance I have received from the DFE

“Since Wednesday 22 December, the 10 day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result for COVID-19 has been reduced to 7 days in most circumstances, unless you cannot test for any reason.

Individuals may now take LFD tests on day 6 and day 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, you may end your self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to your education or childcare setting from day 7.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.”

PLEASE NOTE there will be NO cooked school meals this week ALL children must bring a packed lunch on Thursday and Friday. (We'll let you know about next week)

Routines and procedures will remain in place to protect you, your children, and the staff at school. The weather forecast for the next week suggests it will be very cold so make sure your children are **suitably dressed** for the season. Although the school heating will be on rooms will be ventilated and we will get children outside for a breath of fresh air when possible. Please 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.

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 the nursery.

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 and **masks must be worn by visitors**. No parents will be allowed within the school building during the school day without an appointment.

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. Please continue to remain vigilant to the signs and [common symptoms](#) of the virus, even within households who have been unfortunate enough to have tested positive previously, and together we will minimise the spread within the Corvedale community.

Keep safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

J Brough

Headteacher