

# Cowling Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have managed to cope with the additional challenge of snow and ice this week. The pavements have been particularly icy and am very much hoping for a thaw later today.

The teaching staff are so appreciative of all the work our families are doing supporting the children's home learning. Thank you to everyone for juggling your own work and caring responsibilities and taking on the role of teacher. You are doing a fantastic job! If you have any concerns or problems using Google Classroom please get in touch and we will do our best to help.

Please find links below to resources to support parents and carers during lockdown which you may find useful:

Educational programmes on BBC2 (and iplayer) between 9am and 12pm each day. Find the programme information here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-55591821>

PE with Joe is back! Joe Wicks is delivering online PE at 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Find him on the Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

If you are concerned your child is spending too much time in front of a screen, try these non-screen activities from Pobble. <https://blog.pobble.com/100-non-screen-activities-for-kids>

Families may be eligible for an increase in data allowance if using mobile phones to access Google Classroom. Click here to find out more <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>

IPad Notes App: If you have an iPhone or iPad you can use the Notes app as a scanner to send your child's work to teachers. Open a new Note, press the camera icon in Notes and the option to scan document will pop up. Once the document is scanned, you can email it easier than a photo, plus your child can write comments about their work to the scanned doc.

Games Consoles: Families are able to use the browser on PS4 and Xbox consoles to access Google Classroom. If you require a keyboard and a mouse to help you use the games console as a digital learning device please contact school.



Free School Meals have been in the news again this week. At Cowling we are now able to provide families entitled to Free School Meals with a voucher which will be emailed each Friday. If you feel you may now qualify for Free School Meals please click here to apply: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

The Government has updated its guidance and is now asking children of critical key workers to be kept at home if they possibly can be. As you are aware, we are open to key workers and vulnerable children who cannot be cared for safely at home and will continue to strive to care for these children. However, I must ask key workers that if you can possibly keep your child out of school, even for part of the week, we ask you to do so. School is only open to families who absolutely cannot arrange care for their child. This will ensure that while we support critical key workers we also manage to keep numbers as low as possible to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus. You can read the Government guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

If you are interested in checking the data for our area, families can check the cases in our local area (Cowling, Cononley and Carleton) here: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/search?postcode=BD22+0DF>

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to send a positive message to OFSTED via Parentview <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views> supporting us at Cowling School. It means a great deal to have the support of our families and we will continue to work to support you as best we can through this period.

With best wishes,

Susan Marshall  
(Headteacher)

