



Cowling Community  
Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter  
Friday 11th September



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support this week as we have implemented our new arrangements to make our school as Covid secure as possible. It really is wonderful to be back and to have all the children with us. Of course it has been a bit of a logistical challenge ensuring our 142 children and staff are allocated toilets, eating areas, playing space etc but we have tweaked our arrangements hopefully for the benefit of all and I am grateful to our families for working with us. **After you have collected your children at the end of the day please leave the school ground asap.** This is a great shame but is part of the Coronavirus guidance for safety.

I am sorry Mrs Amos and Mrs Antal were unable to join us for the start of term as they have been advised by Public Health to isolate. This is a situation we have prepared for with the staff team able to provide excellent cover and consistency for our pupils. Unfortunately, I think this will be part of the "new normal" throughout this academic year. If we are to return to some kind of normality then we must all abide by NHS Test and Trace requirements however inconvenient they may be. As I see it, this is the trade off for being able to restart our communities after lockdown and to try and keep schools and workplaces open and families safe. No-one wants a return to lockdown and I would be grateful if families could read the rules overleaf as to what to do if you have a positive case in your family and what we will do if we have a positive case in school. Working together is the only way forward and I am so grateful that our families are overwhelmingly supportive and appreciate that we are all working to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The lockdown period was challenging for many but it also gave people an opportunity to reflect. I am very sorry to have to let you know that Mrs Nelson will be leaving us after half-term. As some of you may be aware Mrs Nelson has not enjoyed the best of health in recent years but has battled on valiantly. Since being away from school Mrs Nelson feels her health has significantly improved and so she has made the difficult decision to leave us. I know you will be as upset as I am to lose such a wonderful teacher but will also understand that at the end of the day, nothing is more important than your health. We will be advertising for a Year 3/4 teacher and the advert will be on the North Yorkshire website hopefully next week.

With best wishes,  
Susan Marshall  
(Headteacher)

My child has a temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell.



Child stays at home. Child must have a Covid test, Ring NHS on 119 or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>



If negative, child stays at home until they feel well, symptoms have gone and their temperature is normal. Child can then return to school.



If positive, family **MUST** inform school of positive result. This is treated in the strictest confidence. Please email [headteacher@cowling.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@cowling.n-yorks.sch.uk) This is particularly important at the weekend. If the result is known during the working day please also ring school on 01535 632198



Child must stay at home for at least 10 days. **Child cannot return to school until they receive a negative test.** Everyone in the child's household must isolate for at least 14 days to see if they develop symptoms. If you develop symptoms you must be tested. If you are positive you **MUST** inform school. You must then stay at home for at least 10 days.

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A child or member of staff in my child's class has tested positive for Covid-19.



Child's family and member of staff stay at home and **MUST** inform school. School **MUST** contact the Health Protection Team and report the case.



Other children and staff identified as being in close contact with the positive child or member of staff **MUST** isolate for 14 days. **School will notify families and staff via text asap.** This may mean school will be closed to a particular class or year group for 14 days.



If your child becomes unwell during the 14 days then follow the procedure above. A child or member of staff cannot return to school until they receive a negative test.