

The Calder Learning Trust

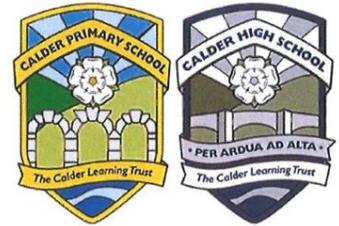
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Dear Parent,

I am writing to you to update you on the school's position in regard to the current Coronavirus situation. The spread of the disease and the impact that it is having on staffing levels at the school, means that the school's ability to operate as normal is being tested on a daily basis. Therefore, to ensure that high standards of health and safety at the school are maintained, I have taken the decision to partly close the school, enabling the school to operate for a limited number of year groups.

Calder Primary will be open as normal for all years but the high school will only be open to Years 7, 8 and Year 11. I will review this situation daily and contact you if and when this arrangement changes. This is not a decision I have taken lightly and as Headteacher, not a decision I want to make; but in these unique and testing times I hope you can continue to support the school, as you always have.

I appreciate that the advice we sent out yesterday had changed by the time of the governments press conference. This highlights how rapidly the situation is changing and we are trying to keep everyone updated as changes to the guidance are published.

Across the trust we have made the decision to:

- Cancel all school events, meetings & visits by external speakers
- Cancel large scale assemblies (including Primary Parent assemblies) until further notice
- All trips, including the PGL Netball trip and the Geography trip to Norway have been cancelled (we are in the process of arranging full refunds and we will keep parents updated on our progress)
- All Parent's Evenings have been postponed until further notice

In line with Public Health England, we have made appropriate arrangements to support any student if they present with a new, persistent cough or a high temperature (above 37.8 C). Students who present with any symptoms in school are being treated in line with Public Health England guidelines and where necessary being sent home. Students who are sent home have to follow the guidance on self-isolation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

I appreciate your ongoing support and hope that at this difficult time, you are keeping safe and well.

Yours faithfully

Anthony Guise

'Everybody, Everyday'

