

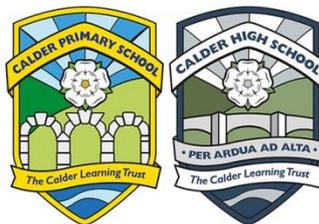
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Dear Parents

I am sorry to tell you that we have been advised by Public Health England, that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Calder High School.

We know you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The small number of children who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed case have received an individual letter and will be staying at home for 14 days.

The school remains open to all year groups and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal, but we will be keeping this situation under review.

Our tutor group and year group bubbles have enabled us to quickly identify who has come into close contact with the child and parents of these children have already been informed. If you have not been contacted separately, you can assume we are not aware of any close contact.

It is of vital importance that if a household member thinks they may have coronavirus symptoms then their children and wider household members must self-isolate. This avoids the risk of wider transmission occurring. If a test result comes back positive, then all household members must continue to follow isolation guidance and inform the school. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared, as advised [here](#).

You should arrange for testing for your child by clicking [here](#) or [here](#) or by calling the free phone number: 0808 1964 100 to book a test at a local walk-in test centre. If your child tests positive, please inform Reception.

Home testing

Home testing is aimed specifically at people who cannot get to test sites and can be arranged [here](#). There is an identity check for home test kits.

Requirements of other household members

If your child is not presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, other members of your household can continue normal activities and do not need to self-isolate.

If your child is presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, all other household members must stay at home and isolate for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the level of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. You can find more information [here](#) in the government's 'Staying at Home Guidance.'

If you are able, it is advisable to move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 [here](#) or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Further information about Covid-19 is available [here](#).

Take care and stay safe,

Anthony Guise



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