

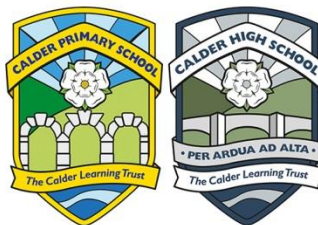
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Dear all

I am sorry to be writing to you so close to the end of term, but several members of our school community have tested positive for COVID 19 this week. I know many of you are concerned about the current rates of transmission and infection across Calderdale and I do appreciate the continued support we have received during these uncertain times.

Unfortunately, the number of staff absences have today exceeded the safe limits we shared with you back in March and it is no longer possible to safely deliver a full curriculum offer to all year groups. Following discussions with Public Health and the Local Authority, myself and the Chair of Governors have had to make the decision that:

All Year 9 students will move to remote learning for the remainder of this week. Starting tomorrow (Wednesday 21st July), all Year 9 students will access remote learning from home until lunchtime on Friday 23rd July. Year 9 students will not return to school until the start of the new academic year on Friday 10th September.

This is not a decision we have come to easily, but we continue to follow the principle that 'the safety of pupils, students and staff is paramount'. The current wave of COVID-related absence as a result of individuals either self-isolating or having contracted coronavirus has meant that we are unable to keep the whole school open safely. We have, across the trust, worked relentlessly to try and keep both phases open for as many young people, for as long as possible and we are bitterly disappointed that we have been forced into making this decision so close to the end of an already disrupted term.

We have written separately to parents of Year 9 students outlining how we intend to switch to remote education for their children, but I felt it only right that all of our school community were kept aware of the current situation. Both Calder Primary and Calder High remain open for all years (except Year 9).

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further guidance is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 10-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 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able 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

'Everybody, Everyday'



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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- 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 at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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

Support to self-isolate

If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, or is told to isolate as a contact of a case, support is available:

Support with practical tasks like shopping and collecting medications is available if you are unable to leave the house and don't have any family or friends that can help. For more information visit

<https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus/help/advice> or ring **01422 392890** if you don't have access to the internet.

You may be eligible for financial assistance of £500 if you are unable to go to work because you are isolating and will lose income as a result. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/help-people-and-communities/test-and-trace-support-payment> or ring **01422 288003** if you don't have access to the internet.

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Take care and stay safe,



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