

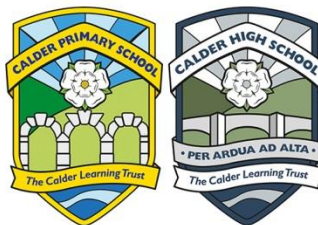
# The Calder Learning Trust

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**Headteacher: Mr A Guise**

Ref: RGY/pw

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Launch of Remote Learning Offer (Covid-19)

At The Calder Learning Trust, we remain committed to ensuring your child can still access high quality lessons, in the event they need to self-isolate as a result of the on-going pandemic. This letter sets out how, with your support, we aim to achieve this.

There are a number of scenarios where your child may need to self-isolate, including when a bubble, whole class or whole year group is sent home on the advice of Public Health England (PHE). Your child may also have to self-isolate because of a positive case in their household.

Whilst we accept that students working remotely cannot achieve the full classroom experience, we are committed to ensuring that the teaching and learning opportunities provided extend and deepen understanding, enabling all students to continue making rapid and sustained progress.

Remote learning is a new concept for us all and brings with it a significant procedural shift, which requires whole scale staff and student training. We are all adapting quickly, and staff are working exceptionally hard to provide continuity of education under very difficult circumstances. Please appreciate that teaching staff are dealing with competing demands to try and support children's learning at home, whilst delivering their usual lessons and managing a classroom of children. We will therefore be implementing the remote learning offer in stages and I ask for your understanding and co-operation during this time.

Our offer is as follows:

- In Calder Primary, as a minimum, work will be set for each lesson via the homework in Class Charts.
- In Calder High, as a minimum, resources for each lesson will be uploaded to Office 365 Teams class files in preparation for lessons each week.
- If your child has to self-isolate due to closure of a bubble, there will be an opportunity to join at least two 'live' streamed lessons for secondary school and one 'live' contact a day for primary (unless there are exceptional circumstances meaning the lesson is unable to take place). All live lessons will take place via Microsoft Teams.
- We will provide feedback on at least one piece of work per subject for each period of remote learning.
- We will provide printed resources for anyone who does not have suitable online access.

**'Everybody, Everyday'**



As you are aware, attendance at school is statutory and any child who is self-isolating, but not unwell, **must engage** in the remote learning offer. We are obliged to ensure that as many children as possible access the remote offer and continue with their education. If your child is unwell and unable to engage, please contact the school in the usual way to let us know.

Further details and 'Quick Start' guides are published on our websites under 'Remote Learning'. In the event your child has to self-isolate due to a bubble or class closure, please encourage your child to view the calendar in Microsoft Teams, which will show all scheduled live lessons.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above, including any inability to access this at home, please get in touch with the school via e-mail at [remotelearning@calderlearningtrust.com](mailto:remotelearning@calderlearningtrust.com) and we will endeavour to help you in any way we can.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

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