



Education Resources
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have gathered from the increasing number of letters being sent out from NHS Lanarkshire, we are once again seeing a rise in Covid cases within Calderwood. You will also be aware of the growing concern about the new variant as we enter winter.

In school, we are continuing to work very hard to ensure a safe environment for pupils and staff. We continue to follow the guidance for educational establishments provided by South Lanarkshire Council and the Scottish Government. Whilst adhering to the guidance, we are also trying to ensure a fun, active learning environment for our pupils.

We really need your help, though, to ensure that we minimise the risk of Covid spreading further within our community. Please follow the current rules around testing and isolation. These include:

- If your child displays symptoms of Covid, they should take a PCR test. Everyone in the house should isolate until the test result comes back.
- If someone in your household tests positive, everyone should have a PCR test and isolate until the results come back.
- If someone in your household tests positive, but your child's PCR is negative, they can come to school, but please remain vigilant and continue to test daily with lateral flow kits. In our experience, very often Covid will spread around families, and this can be particularly difficult to avoid with young children in the house. Please take a cautious approach.

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Please also remember to wear a mask when you are on school grounds, but particularly if you need to come into the 'bubble' to speak to a member of staff. Please do not come into the 'bubble' without a mask.

We don't want to return to the position we found ourselves in last Christmas when we had to significantly reduce planned activities. We also want to keep our Calderwood staff healthy so they can be here, with their classes, in the run up to Christmas and also enjoy the festive period with their own families.

I know we are all fed up with Covid and the restrictions around the pandemic. I know it can also be confusing that we are still following tighter restrictions in school when people are out and about at concerts and sporting events. Please remember that education is very different to hospitality. There is no 'choice' about attending school - education is a legal entitlement and we must ensure that all our families, pupils and staff are safe.

Let's stick together whilst we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Innes