

Dear parent/carer,

As I am sure you appreciate, schools are working incredibly hard to keep staff and pupils safe through COVID-19. The protective measures in place in Calderdale schools are in line with national guidance and will work to reduce the risk of transmission within the setting. Whilst additional measures in place at pick-up and drop-off times are there to keep everyone safe, it is not the responsibility of schools to enforce these.

When a decision is made to close a bubble, or to send pupils home to isolate, Head Teachers are working under strict Public Health guidance. While it may be frustrating, especially if this happens more than once, it is not a decision that is taken lightly. If you have a child at home isolating and are struggling to drop off and collect siblings, please do speak to your child's school.

Please help our schools to keep everyone safe by:

- Staying at home and arranging a test if anyone in your household has COVID-19 symptoms
- Self-isolating if you test positive for COVID-19 or are identified as a contact of someone who has
- Keeping your distance from others at drop-off and pick-up, and wearing a face covering if asked to do so. If anyone you have come into close contact with in the school yard tests positive for COVID-19, you may have to self-isolate. Please don't stop to chat with other parents
- Avoiding using local playgrounds before and after school when there are likely to be more people around
- Remembering that school staff are working under incredibly difficult circumstances and doing all they can to provide a good quality of education whilst ensuring that everyone remains as safe as possible

If you or your child have any concerns about COVID-19, contact the Healthy Futures Calderdale school nursing team by phone on **0303 330 9974** or by text on **07480 635297 (young people)** or **07507 332157 (parents/carers)**.



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