



BEECH HILL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year

We look forward to welcoming the children back today. We have had a number of queries and below is the local guidance from Public Health Calderdale on Covid-19.

1. **If someone in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 (on LFD or PCR)**, it is advised that pupils/students stay at home. If they develop symptoms, they should get a PCR test straight away. If they don't have symptoms, they should get a PCR test 3-5 days after their household member started with symptoms (or took their test if they had no symptoms). If this test is negative, the child can return to school but must stay at home and arrange another test if they go on to develop symptoms.

Some children are exempt from this advice:

- 12–16-year-olds who have had at least one dose of the vaccine more than 14 days ago.
- Any child aged between 5 – 16 who has tested positive for COVID-19 via a PCR test within the past 90 days.

Parents/carers who still want their child to continue to attend school have the right for them to do so. We would, however, still strongly advise that they obtain a PCR for their child before they return.

As a school we will continue to put measures into place to minimise transmission including the following:

2. **Use of face coverings** by adults in all in communal areas.
3. **Ensure windows are open in the classroom** to facilitate good ventilation, as much as is practicable and particularly in areas that have been shown to have poor air quality following testing.
4. **Reduce mixing between groups** as much as possible to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
5. **Limit visitors to the school** and consider carefully whether events such as face to face parent evenings that bring parents into the school can be managed safely or should take place online.

We have reviewed our risk assessment which will be available on the school website and will continually review this in line with Public Health Calderdale's guidance.

If your child is self-isolating, please inform school via the school office or Seesaw and we will ensure work is uploaded onto Seesaw. If you are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, a food voucher or pack will be sent to your home.



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If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and they will endeavour to answer any of your queries.

Please take care of yourselves and your families.

Yours faithfully

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