

15th October 2021

COVID-19 updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Public Health Calderdale sent a letter to all schools regarding a recent increase in children and young people testing positive for COVID-19. The current rate locally for those testing positive is 1 in 40 secondary age children and 1 in 100 primary age children. As you can imagine, this is having a significant impact on children across the authority.

The letter gave suggestions of ways which schools may increase preventative measures if they deemed appropriate 'based on infection rates in school and in the local area'. Working with colleagues within the Trust and Senior Leaders in school, we will continue working within our current Risk Assessment. We do not feel a need to take further preventative measures – at this present time - above and beyond those already in place (such as increased handwashing, good ventilation, one-way playground system and staggered play times). This is in-line with many schools within our Elland cluster due to low COVID-19 rates in our school. I wholeheartedly appreciate your support with keeping our children and community safe – thank you.

Positive test and plans next week

Despite the above good news about Bowling Green's low COVID-19 rates, yesterday I tested positive for COVID-19 after a positive test on a home lateral flow test, which we are encouraging all adults in school to complete twice per week. I feel fine and will continue working from home. Mrs Mellor is out of class today and we are arranging staff members to be available next week should the need arise – they all know they can contact me by phone anytime or access support from within the Trust. I will be back in school on Thursday (21st) and am already missing everyone a lot. I cannot wait to see our children again! I am looking forward to keeping in touch with classes via SeeSaw and sharing children's achievements online.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding, as well as the positive comments that came from our Parents' Evening meetings last week.

Kind regards (and I'll see you all soon!),



Jamie Stuttard

Principal