

## SHADE Primary School



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## Important update

Dear parents,

I hope you are all well and managed to enjoy the festive period, different as it was. I have enjoyed the cold frosty weather, getting out for walks.

You will no doubt have picked up from the media the speculation around schools switching to remote learning and indeed in high rate Tier 4 areas that is exactly what has happened.

All heads have had a virtual meeting with the Local Authority earlier today. This was led by the Director of Public health Deb Harkins and the Director of Childrens and Young People's Services, Julie Jenkins.

Their position is, that as long as staffing levels are sufficient, schools in Calderdale are safe to open. They are basing their position on the current data for infection in Calderdale and are reviewing their position daily. The instance that the data shows signs of changing they will reconsider their position. The current rate in Calderdale is 177/100K and we are 276<sup>th</sup> in the local authority list from 1 being high.

I can confirm that we have sufficient staff to open and will be open as normal tomorrow and we look forward to seeing you all.

Kind regards,

Mrs Clarkson