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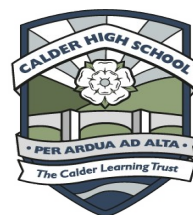
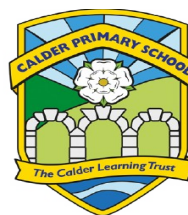
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Dear all,

Thank you for your continued support this week with the ongoing challenging weather.

This morning, our main challenge was pupils and staff being able to travel into school safely and for the normal time. There were roads that were impassable and closed due to the ice, trains cancelled and buses not running or abandoning their routes part way through and asking pupils to get off due to the conditions. Once daylight had begun, roads had been gritted and traffic was moving, the majority of staff and pupils were able to then travel safely in.

We had hoped to have a delayed start tomorrow but we have unfortunately had some additional problems this afternoon. We have just been informed by the bus companies (public and school buses) that they will now only be attempting main road routes tomorrow and Friday and cannot guarantee what will be running.

In addition, our boilers have been struggling and our main boilers have now failed. This means that we now have no heating and no hot water across the majority of the school. This affects many different areas from catering to cleaning. We are expecting an engineer to attend tomorrow morning but have been informed that the likelihood is that the boilers will not be working until the weekend.

In addition, with the forecast significant drop again in temperatures over tonight and the next two days, we cannot effectively grit and safeguard our school site and surrounding area.

I can only apologise, but this does mean that The Calder Learning Trust will have to be closed to staff and pupils until Monday 13th January despite our best efforts.

Secondary pupils will be able to follow their normal timetables for Thursday and Friday through the work set by their teachers on Arbor. Primary pupils will have work set which can be accessed on the primary website again.

We will provide updates via the school website and social media and if we are able to reopen on Friday, we will also email parents directly.

I am so sorry that this has been such a disruptive start to the New Year and new term and thank you to all those parents that have contacted the school and offered their support.

Keep warm and stay safe.

Anthony Guise

Executive Headteacher

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Everybody, Everyday

