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Dear parent/carer,

NHS Lanarkshire's test and protect team is carrying out contact tracing after a pupil at Calderside Academy in Blantyre tested positive for Covid-19.

NHS Lanarkshire is working closely with South Lanarkshire Council with regards contacting close contacts who have been advised accordingly. Our test and protect team will continue to contact anyone who may be affected. Public health advice is being given to these individuals and they are being told to self-isolate.

Following the findings of a review today, there is no evidence currently to suggest that anyone has been infected from being in the school.

The risk to the wider school community is low and the school will remain open as normal.

It is important to bear in mind that mixing socially in the community without maintaining physical distancing measures helps the virus to spread widely. It is therefore important that people remain vigilant and follow physical distancing guidance.

We want to take this opportunity to remind people that good hand hygiene is essential to combat transmission of the virus and pupils and staff should wash their hands thoroughly and regularly using soap and water for 20 seconds.

Individuals or their close contacts who experience any Covid-19 symptoms such as a cough, fever or loss of taste or smell, even if they are mild should stay off school or work and get tested. Information on how to access testing is available from NHS Inform at:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

If you have any questions about coronavirus please visit [www.nhsinform.scot](https://www.nhsinform.scot) in the first instance, or call the helpline on 0800 028 2816.

To respect and maintain patient confidentiality no further details will be released at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Femi Oshin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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