Good evening Swimmers, Parents/Guardians, Coaches, Committee Members & Volunteers.

First of all I really hope you are all keeping well and are in good health. What a life changing experience the first half of the year has been, certainly nothing that any of us wanted or expected but something that we will all certainly remember.

Watching the news this evening gave us a massive lift and having a date to work towards is what we have all been waiting for. On the back of the announcement though the real work for Calderdale and the pool operators begins as they work towards re-opening. What we do know is that we wont be back in the pool on the 25th July but a return shortly after that is certainly what everyone is aiming for, being realistic we will be into August before we are walking through the doors again.

In the months since March the committee have been working extremely hard behind the scenes to ensure the club is on a sound footing. Without this effort we wouldn't be in a position to move forward. Fortunately we have volunteers willing to give their time and experience in such a positive way that nothing is insurmountable.

For me taking on the Covid Lead role wasn't a hard decision to be honest. Firstly i knew someone had to do it and secondly since the middle of March i have had first hand experience of having to implement and construct guidelines designed to keep people safe whilst being able to operate at the same time. Above all though i'm a parent of 3 kids who are desperate to get back to what they love doing and when they do, its got to be as safe as it can be.

When we return it wont be the same as when we finished in March. Inevitably the way we do things will be different ranging from how we enter the pool building to how the coaches build the sets. What i do know speaking to people in other sporting disciplines that have returned, is that elements of what they do now they wished they'd thought of years ago, so out of adversity we can create opportunity and better practices.

I will keep you updated on our progression as we work with the pool operators to shore up our plans. My aim is to give you a comprehensive view of how we will return and what it will look like so that you can prepare yourselves as well. Be assured that the utmost priority is to make it as safe as can be.

In the meantime keep safe and well.

Regards

Dave Culf

Committee member and Covid Lead