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Date: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the students had some restful time off and you as families managed some time together too. We're now back into the full swing of our next half term at Callerton Academy.

### **Back to School**

We are back to school and back to learning at Callerton Academy. Students have to maintain their reading homework five times a week (Sunday night through to and including Thursday night), with the evidence of this reading written daily in their planner.

### **Advance Notice – Centre for Life Trip Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Mrs Jones is organising a science and ice-skating trip to the Centre for Life for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a charge of £11.50 per child for the full day of activities. There is financial support for those families who need and request it. Mrs Jones will send you a letter in the coming weeks with full details.

### **Advance Notice - School Closed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

All Gosforth Group schools have Jubilee Staff Development Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, so the school will be closed to students on that day.

### **Football Tournament – Soccer World Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Miss Deol has contacted you this week to highlight that Callerton Academy will be taking part in a football tournament at Soccer World on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Students can volunteer to be part of the two teams. If students are selected for the teams, then they will receive a printed letter from Miss Deol with consents to be completed.

### **Year 7 Settling in Data**

Tomorrow, students will be sent home with their Year 7 Settling in Data and this will also be sent to parents over email by Monday. This data has been completed by subject teachers and

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it gives each student an indication of their 'engagement with learning' and 'behaviour' in each subject from September to October Half term.

### **School Lunch Monies for Non-Free School Meal Students**

The school lunch iPayimpact biometric system is now up and running smoothly. Please ensure that your child's lunch account has credit on it.

### **COVID-19 – A Reminder**

Thank you for all your support and vigilance over the last half term with COVID-19. As we would expect, we have families responding to symptoms and isolations in the correct way. It is important for us all to stay vigilant in the fight against COVID-19, so here is a quick reminder. If there are any future changes to the information below, I will keep you informed. In school, we are following measures as set out by The Government. We have a rigorous COVID-19 risk assessment, which will be kept under review.

Students should not come into school if they have any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Students should self-isolate immediately if they present with symptoms and book a PCR test by calling 119 or by going to <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

If students develop any of these symptoms throughout the school day, then we will contact parents and carers to collect them immediately. Students should then be booked in for a PCR test. If this test is negative, the student can return to school when they are no longer symptomatic. If a student is positive, then you as a household should follow government guidance regarding isolation.

The Government have produced some guidance for parents and carers that can be accessed [here](#).

For those students whose parents have consented to LFD testing, you should continue to do the LFD tests twice a week as per my previous letters. We will continue to give out the tests in a timely manner in school.

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I do understand that COVID-19 rules and changes to guidance can be overwhelming and if you have any questions or need support with the guidance, please do contact us.

**Callerton Academy Parent Academy Advisors**

After my appeal for Parent Academy Advisors in my letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021, we have two successful candidates: Miss Marshall and Mr Yasser. They will be Parent Academy Advisors for Callerton Academy for a period of four years from 1 November 2021.

Yours faithfully,



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