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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. In school, this week is progressing well and we have some incredibly impressive PRAISE stamp totals emerging from all students. Well done Callerton Academy Year 7!

Parent Payments for Meals and More

Our system for cashless payments is now ready for you as parents and carers to use. Our online system is called 'iPayimpact'. There is a letter detailing the log in instructions for the online account which we are sending home in the post today. This letter has a unique code to allow you to register. For those of you who pay for school meals for your children, the daily cost of a meal deal is £2.30. Students will start to use the new biometric system from Wednesday 6th October. We asked for your consent for this biometric system last week, sending a copy of the form home with pupils. Thank you to the vast majority of you who have sent these back into school, if you have not please work to Friday 1st October for return.

iPayimpact is the system that we will use for all school payments, including school trips that require a payment. As we will not handle cash in school, I would recommend that all parents and carers register for this system, even if your children receive free school meals.

Reading Homework

Students at Callerton Academy all have a borrowed reading book that is part of their daily equipment. All students have been set reading homework only, for the first half term. They must read for a minimum of 20 minutes a night, five nights a week and record this in their planner. They are required to write one or two sentences that summarise what they have read, and to record the page number they have read to. Tutors will check that students have done this reading homework daily. We also encourage students to share their reading experience with their families, so a signature by a parent or carer who has seen them read is great practice.

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Reading is celebrated in every subject at Callerton Academy, to ensure our students become expert readers. Expertise in reading will not only help students achieve academically, but it is a fundamental life skill.

Home LFD Testing

The Government has extended their strong encouragement for school staff and students to do LFD tests twice a week at home beyond the end of September. We will send the students who registered for on-site LFD testing home with a new box of tests this Friday. I would suggest to set two days that you keep to every week as a whole family to test as it is easier to remember. Once you have tested, the results, either negative, positive or void need to be recorded with the NHS and with us at school via this [link](#).

Refer to my previous letters for guidance on what to do if a member of your household tests positive or develops COVID-19 symptoms. You can, of course, ring us on 0191 605 3835 for support.

Uniform

Uniform continues to be very good and students look smart everyday. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that students must wear a school coat or fleece as part of their compulsory uniform to school from Monday November 1st (the first day after October Half Term) to Friday 18th February (the last day before February Half Term). Students can of course wear their school coat or fleece now, which many of them do. However, students cannot wear a non-school coat to school at any time of the year. This has been a rare occurrence and if your child has worn a non-school coat, then you have been contacted by Miss Robson.

Training Day – Next Thursday, 7th October

Another reminder that we have a training day on Thursday 7th October and therefore, school will be closed to students on this day.

Callerton Passport Trip – Wednesday 13th October

Mrs McElvenny and Mr Davidson are organising a whole day trip for our students to allow them to explore our city, have a tour of our neighbour, the Discovery Museum and complete big sections of their Callerton Academy Passport. The students will be on the trip in school hours, will wear school uniform and will have lunch in school. Mrs McElvenny will write to you next week with more information.

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Callerton Academy Open Events for 2022 Year 7s

As I mentioned last week, we are opening our doors for prospective parents for an open evening on Tuesday 5th October. We are using the students as tour guides and ambassadors for the school. We expect a large number of prospective parents to come to the event, so I would welcome as many student volunteers as possible. If your child would be willing to volunteer from 5:45pm to 7:30pm on Tuesday 5th October, please complete this [form](#). Thank you in anticipation of your support with their travel – I'm sure you'll agree that a tour led by our students is incredible; they bring the school to life!

Yours faithfully,



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