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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Another two weeks have flown by at Callerton Academy.

I have several notices in this bi-weekly letter, which accompanies the COVID-19 update that I sent on Monday. As we have all come to expect from our Callerton Academy students, they have responded well to face coverings in school and are learning quickly when and where they need to wear them. Thank you to those of you who emailed or rang in to inform us of your children with medical exemptions and to all others who have equipped your children with face coverings.

### **COVID 19 LFD On-Site Testing – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

***School will only be open for testing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January and our first day of the spring term will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.***

Following Government guidance and expectations, we will be offering all students one on-site LFD test on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. This testing will run in the same way as it did in September. Parents must consent to this testing. For those of you who gave consent for testing in September, we will carry this consent forward to this testing in January and will automatically book your child a testing slot. If you would like to revoke this consent, please email [admin@callertonacademy.org.uk](mailto:admin@callertonacademy.org.uk) by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Alternatively, if you would like to register your consent for the testing please complete this [form](#) by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

In the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> December, we will send out the time slots for the testing of each child to parents and carers who have consented. Testing should take approximately 10 minutes and we will contact you by phone if your child returns a positive LFD test. We will give advice in line with Government guidance correct at the time.

Students do not need to wear uniform or bring in their planners and equipment for their testing appointment. For testing, students should enter by the Student Entrance and they will leave by the Main Entrance.

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### **Information from Newcastle City Council - Young person vaccination clinic to open in city centre**

Children between the ages of 12-15 will be able to attend a walk-in vaccination clinic at the Grainger Market from this weekend.

Each Saturday, between 10am – 5pm, young people will be able to attend the market for a vaccine without an appointment. Previously, this age group could only be vaccinated in school or through appointments from the national booking system.

It is advised that children attend with a parent or carer, but the on-site clinical will vaccinate young people who consent themselves, subject to a consultation.

The clinic will offer vaccines to everybody over the age of 12, not just children and young people.

### **Advance Notice – Review Evening Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 4:30pm to 6:30pm**

We have a review evening in our calendar which is planned for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Students and parents will meet a member of staff, either their tutor, our SEND Team, or Miss Anderson to review how students have settled in over their first term at Callerton Academy. This will take place virtually via video conference on a very user friendly website called SchoolCloud. Families can access this video conference on most devices such as smartphones, tablets and laptops. You will have a five minute time slot that you'll be able to pre-select via SchoolCloud and so won't be required for the full two hours! We will send you a letter on the return to school in January with more information.

### **Free School Meals**

For those families whose children receive free school meals, there will be vouchers sent out to support over the school holidays. These will be sent out in the same way as they were for the October half term holiday. I will confirm the date which you should receive your voucher in my next letter.

All students who receive a free school meal have chosen, from a menu, a packed lunch for the Centre for Life Trip and a repeated packed lunch for the last day of term. On the last day of term, students need to pick up their packed lunch from the Dining Hall before they finish school.

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## **Term Dates Reminder**

Our last day this term is fast approaching! We finish school at 12pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays. We will open for LFD on site testing on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January with our first full day at school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you for reading and digesting this letter. Our ever changing landscape with testing, changing term dates and COVID-19 measures can be difficult to navigate. As ever, please contact us with questions or if you require support.

Yours faithfully,



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