

Date: 8th April 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I, the students and the staff are astounded that it is the end of the second term at Callerton Academy, and what a wonderful term it has been! Our exciting curriculum, ethos of being fluent readers and working hard at everything we do as a community are growing wonderfully, week-on-week, at Callerton Academy. I am very proud of what has been achieved by everyone.

I hope you are all looking forward to some family time over the Easter break. I have quite a few updates and reminders for you this week.

FSM Support over the Holidays

A reminder that all families with students in receipt of free school meals should have received an email about their £30 voucher for meals over the holidays. Also, FSM students will receive a packed lunch today to take home with them for our early finish.

Travelling to and from School

We have many students who travel to and from school on public transport, which they catch from different places in the city centre. We would ask, for safety, that you continue to encourage students to return home in a timely manner after school and you expect them home by a certain time. I know that for many of you with commitments, you may not be at home when students arrive home, so I would suggest that they may make a phone call to you to say that they're back.

National Tutoring Programme – Maths and English Support

At Callerton Academy, like all other schools, we have been supported by The Government with additional funding to help students 'catch up'. With this additional funding, we have been running interventions throughout the year. We have employed extra support in the way of Miss Shafi for maths and Mr Glendinning for

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English who support with small groups in lessons. Additionally, we'll be doing some online maths tuition with a company after Easter that will support over 30 students.

This support is having great success alongside the hard work that is done by our whole community on being fluent and excellent readers.

Guidance Moving Forward with for COVID-19

Please refer to my letter dated Monday 4th April 2022 for the most up-to-date guidance.

New Build Termly Newsletter

Please see the termly new build newsletter on our website [here](#).

Reminder about Detentions

Our detentions will be changing at Callerton Academy. Currently we have a mixture of in-school lunchtime detentions and Friday after school detentions for the very small minority of students who get three or more planner comments throughout the week. After Easter, we will change from having lunchtime detentions to only having Friday after school detentions. This will be in the following format:

- Detention A – 3 to 5 comments – 1 hour, Friday after school (2:40pm – 3:40pm)
- Detention B – 6 to 8 comments – 1 hour 20 minutes, Friday after school (2:40pm – 4pm)
- Detention C – 9 to 11 comments – 1 hour 40 minutes, Friday after school (2:40pm – 4:20pm)
- Detention D – 12 comments – 2 hours, Friday after school (2:40pm – 4:40pm)

This change will bring us inline with the PRAISE code across all other Gosforth Group schools. There will be no exceptions made and lunchtime detentions will cease for this year group from the week beginning Monday 25th April 2022.

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Easter Break

For the two-week break, there are many family friendly activities happening in the North East. I found [this](#) website with lots of information.

Reception Opening Hours for the Easter Break

If you have any immediate questions or require support before the holidays, please email the school office on admin@callertonacademy.org.uk or ring on 0191 605 3835 before 12:30pm on Friday 8th April. The school office will be closed from Friday 8th April until Tuesday 19th April. Please email or leave a message on our answer phone and we'll get back to you as soon as possible when we re-open.

Yours faithfully,



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