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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. We have now been back from the holidays at Callerton Academy for three weeks and we have crowned maths homework winners, had celebrations of reading, given our more PRAISE stamps certificates, enjoyed our first Parents' Review Evening and returned with gusto to learning and making progress in school.

This bi-weekly letter is full of notices. Remember to look at the [news page](#) on our website to watch my bi-weekly letters being read by one, or more, of our brilliant students.

Reading – an Update from Miss Anderson

It is wonderful how enthusiastic and passionate our students are with their reading, in and outside of school. Many of our students made fantastic progress with their reading last half term as a result of their hard work and efforts.

To ensure students continue making excellent progress, our expectations of reading homework remains. Students are expected to read at home for at least 20 minutes, 5 times a week; we recommend that at least once a week students read aloud to an adult.

Their reading should be recorded in their planners every day. This should include the page number they have read up to and a short summary sentence of what has happened in their book.

This term our library will be restocked with around 800 new books, including recommendations from staff and students, so there is plenty more material to excite and engage our students.

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Reading will continue to be a priority at Callerton as we know that it is the key to all of our students' success, not just academically, but as a fundamental life skill.

To add to our reading culture, we have been working with a charity called New Writing North. They have been working with the students in lesson, at lunchtime and in 7up engaging them in song writing, story writing, story boarding and more. They've been overwhelmed by our wonderful students and because of this have made us part of their 'Balance the Books' scheme where they have given us 100 books by 20 authors from all cultures and races. We're very proud to be included in this. There'll be a news article about this on our website very soon!

COVID-19 Update

There have been some changes to COVID-19 rules since I last wrote to you in the first week of term. The main three changes are:

- 1) The need for a PCR test after a positive test as part of asymptomatic testing. This came into guidance on Tuesday 11th January.
- 2) From Thursday 20th January, students do not need to wear face coverings in classrooms, and from Thursday 27th January, face coverings will no longer be required in communal areas.
- 3) Further changes to the self-isolation period as of Monday 17th January to 5 full days of isolation, under most circumstances.

As we know, the COVID-19 restrictions change regularly, and they can affect families differently. Please continue to ring us on 0191 605 3835 with any questions or queries.

We have the vaccinations team in school on Monday 31st January to either administer the first or booster COVID-19 vaccination. All students who are 12 on or before 31st January have been given a letter to pass to you for your consent.

New Build Planning Consultation

The planning consultation is out for the new school building at our permanent site. This can be seen [here](#).

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Chinese New Year Day – Thursday 27th January – Update from Mr Liu

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year at Callerton Academy on Thursday 27th January, where students will have a whole day of exciting events. We will be running a carousel of five different activities: Chinese lion dance, Chinese martial arts, Chinese film, Chinese dragon making and Chinese calligraphy. During the lunch time, they will have the opportunity to sample some authentic Chinese food. All the foods we serve will be halal and do not contain peanuts or other nuts. Vegetarians will be catered for. If your child has any allergens or dietary requirements, please inform us at your earliest convenience.

Students will need to come to school in their Callerton Academy PE kit, including trainers, which they will wear all day. Students will still need to wear their school coat on top of their PE kit. Students will need their bag, planner, reading book and pencil case.

School Coat – A New Supplier

We now have a new supplier, BE Uniforms, for our Callerton Academy waterproof jacket, which can be purchased [here](#) as necessary.

Yours faithfully,



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