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Date: 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a good two weeks back into routine. I know at Callerton Academy, we have enjoyed these two weeks, where we've been hosting interviews for our new staff for September 2022. We've been overwhelmed by the amount of excellent applications for our jobs and I look forward to introducing you to our new staff in due course.

Remember, our bi-weekly letter is read for you by one of our fantastic students, made into a video and put on our website. You can find this week's video [here](#).

Lego Club – Notice from Mrs Jones

We have started a Lego club as part of our 7UP curriculum. We've had huge interest and although we have a lot of Lego already kindly donated by our staff we are looking for more to ensure all students who want to take part can take part!

Do you have Lego that is no longer played with that you would you be happy to donate to Callerton Academy? If so please send it into school and we'll share all our amazing builds with you in the school newsletter! Do you have any friends or family who may help out by donating their Lego? Please spread the word.

At Lego Club this week, we had some amazing builds, such as desert islands, super bikes, marble mazes and even the start of the Burj Khalifa Building.

E-Safety Monthly Newsletter

We have a monthly e-safety newsletter which will now be posted on the website. The link is [here](#). Since the pandemic, nationally there has been a rise in concerning behaviour of young people online. We as a community need to continue to work with our young people, educating them to be safe, happy and healthy online. This monthly

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newsletter should support you as parents to be more informed and therefore help with supervision of your children on the internet. We are working hard on this in school and as usual if you need any support please do not hesitate to contact us on 0191 605 3835 or on admin@callertonacademy.org.uk.

Advance Notice - Detentions Changing After Easter

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.

Trip to the Hancock Museum – Friday 25th March

On Friday 25th March, we are all going to the Hancock Museum to explore a science and history project. We are very excited to access this museum, which is in our great city. The students will be doing four workshops in the day, all within the museum grounds. This trip will be within the times of normal school day (8:40am to 2:40pm). Mrs McElvenny will be sending you a letter at the beginning of next week with more detailed information. There will be no cost for the trip.

Easter End of Term Reminder

This term will finish on Friday 8th April 2022 at 12pm. We will be returning to school on Monday 25th April 2022 at normal school time.

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COVID-19 Update

Thank you for continuing to be vigilant against the fight of COVID-19. As necessary you are following the rules and seeking advice from us at school. Below is some information from the DfE regarding COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11.

Children aged 5 to 11 years who are in a clinical risk group or who live with someone who is immunosuppressed can get the COVID-19 vaccine. Eligible children include those with diabetes, immunosuppression, learning disabilities, and other conditions as outlined by the [UK Health Security Agency \(UKHSA\) in the Green Book](#).

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions.

Further information is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by UKHSA. We have published some [frequently asked questions](#) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19. Following [advice](#) from the JCVI, healthy 5 to 11 year old children will also be offered two 10 microgram doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The NHS will prepare to extend this non-urgent offer to all children during April.

Yours faithfully,



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