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Date: 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed being back at Callerton Academy this week and look forward to the exciting learning that this term will bring us.

As you would expect, I have some lengthy notices this week. Please also reference my letter regarding COVID-19, dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

### **School report out today, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Today, students will be sent home with their second Year 7 data and this will also be sent to parents over email. This data has been completed by subject teachers and it gives each student an indication of their 'engagement with learning' and 'behaviour' in each subject for the first term. This data will be discussed at next weeks' Parent Review Evening.

### **Parent Review Evening Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

We look forward to meeting all our parents again and discussing your child's progress to date at Callerton Academy.

We have an easy to use online parents' evening system. This system allows you to choose your own appointment times with your selected teacher and meet with them over a video conference at your selected time. You will receive an email confirming your appointment. The appointments happen virtually over a website called SchoolCloud.

Appointments can be made from today, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January and will close on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.

Please visit [this website](#) to book your appointments. A short 'how to' guide is also attached at the bottom of this letter.

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Students will be handed a letter today detailing their unique login code to access SchoolCloud.

When you login, your child's teacher should be listed for you to select. If you have any problems booking the appointments or logging in to the account, please contact reception on 0191 605 3835 and we will be happy to add the appointment on your behalf.

### **Accessing Lessons if Isolating due to COVID-19**

For students that are isolating at home due to COVID-19, I am thrilled that we are now able to offer full remote learning through Microsoft Teams. As long as the student is feeling well, they will be expected to follow their full timetable including registration (but excluding PE) and connect to their lessons virtually. This can be done using a phone, laptop or tablet device. All students have had extensive support in school showing them how to log onto teams and to connect to live lessons. There is guidance on how students can access Microsoft Teams on the website via this [link](#). Miss Jamieson will contact you on the phone to support you through the Teams process.

### **Biometric Data**

As you are aware, we were using biometric data, with your consent, at lunchtime for students to be identified for lunch payments. This was in the form of facial biometrics. We are moving away from this and will change to fingertip recognition or using a key code. This will be implemented later this half term and I'll contact you nearer the time regarding this.

### **COVID-19 Small Update**

It was announced this week that confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January. This will mean that anyone who receives positive lateral flow results for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This [Government guidance](#) is helpful if you need information regarding tests and isolation periods.

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## Thanks and Support

Thank you again for your support and resilience. It feels like there are almost daily changes in COVID-19 Government guidance, which is tricky to navigate. As usual, you are ringing with questions, engaging and following advice.

Yours faithfully,



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