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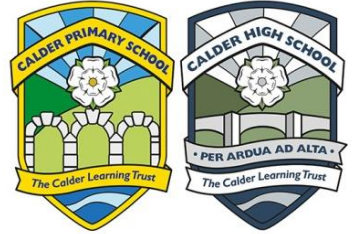
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Academic Year 22-23 Parental Newsletter.

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the new school year. We wanted to wait until after the Queen's funeral to send this letter out about the start of the new academic year and some changes we have implemented at The Calder Learning Trust.

We have had a great start to the year and it has been fantastic to see our new and returning students looking so smart and ready to learn.

Regards,

Mr Taylor
Head of Secondary

Reminder of the new secondary school start time

In response to the government white paper in March 2022, we have had to slightly adjust our timings of the day in line with new requirements. We will now expect students to be in school at **8.20am** for an **8.30am** start in lessons. The school buses have not been changed as they should all be arriving on time to support this (subject to the usual roadworks!). Students will not be penalised should school buses be late due to roadworks.

BEST system

We have introduced our new B.E.S.T. System (Behaviour; Expectations; Sanctions; Targets - rewards).

This is replacing the BfL (behaviour for learning) procedures. Please can you familiarise yourself with these as there are significant changes aimed at supporting many of our students, including next day detentions. We have a bigger emphasis on rewards to encourage students to show our school values of '**Care; Commitment; and Courage**'. The new behaviour procedures can be downloaded [here](#).

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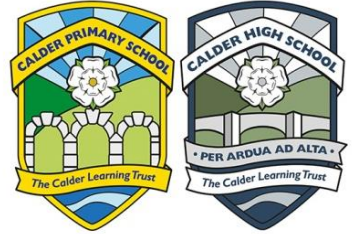
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School buses

We have been asked by METRO buses to pass on their apologies for the delay in student bus passes being issued. Further details can be found on their website [here](#). Any parental complaints about the bus service should be directed to the bus company.

School meal news

It is with regret that we must inform parents that, after three years, we are having to increase the price of our school meals due to the cost-of-living increases. We are increasing the price of a meal deal from £2.25 to £2.40 from Monday 12th September 2022. We have worked on an increase of 6% on all food available through the catering team. Any concerns please contact school through email at Parentenquiry@calderlearningtrust.com

Mobile Phone Review

The use of mobile phones is increasingly causing concern around school and creating conflict with some students and staff. During COVID they were a vital tool for learning, however there are also an increasing number of safeguarding and bullying issues associated with mobile phones and social media platforms. Therefore, we will be reviewing our mobile phone policy and will be consulting with parents during this term.

Swap Shop and Uniform

Thank you so much for your support with school uniform, the students looked amazing at the start of year. We are incredibly grateful to families of The Calder Learning Trust in that they have donated good condition and pre-loved uniform to school. We have a large selection of uniform and clothing to support our families, including PE kit, shoes, trainers, coats, bags as well as the standard uniform. If you would like some pre-loved uniform, you can either arrange to come into school and choose it or email us your requirements and sizes (at parent enquiry as above) and either your child can collect it from Student Services or you can collect from our main entrance.

Safeguarding and Welfare Officers

We are pleased to introduce Mr Pollard and Ms Bailey who are leading on the safety and wellbeing of all our students across the trust. If you need to contact either of them, please use the pastoraladmin@calderlearningtrust.com email or leave a message with reception. I also want to remind and introduce The Trust's safeguarding system called 'The Sharpe System'. This is an online way of students reporting concerns and can be done anonymously; however, we encourage students to report as much detail as possible so we can act on any of their concerns. This can be

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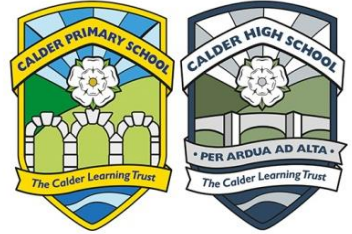
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accessed by the QR code below. We also have the [Calder Cares website](#) for parents and students to access a variety of support.



Calder High School Open Evening

After a break due to the pandemic, this event will take place on Thursday 6 October between 5.30pm and 8pm. This is a great chance for prospective parents and students in Years 5 and 6 to listen to a presentation by Mr Guise, have a tour of the school and meet students and teachers.

Year 7 Transition team-building visits

As part of our ongoing transition programme, all Year 7 students will visit High Adventure near Skipton for a day of activities including archery, sumo, bouldering and team games. These take place on four separate days in September and October. Please upload your voluntary contribution to ParentPay over the next few days.

Monday 26th September – 7WA1 and 7WA2

Monday 3rd October – 7SH1 and 7SH2

Monday 10th October – 7ST1 and 7ST2

Monday 17th October – HA1, HA2 and HA3

One Way System

Due to the increasing number of students, we have in the High School, we will be continuing with our one-way system from Monday 26th September. We wanted the new Year 7s to be able to find their way around before implementing it again.

We will be sending out a termly newsletter to celebrate all the excellent work that the students, staff and parents have been involved in. We also have Facebook, twitter and Instagram accounts to follow daily activity. Links can be found on the website.

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