

The Calder Learning Trust

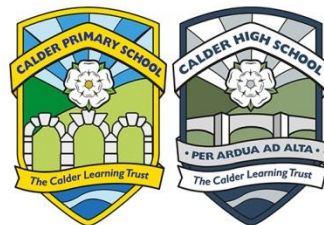
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Dear parents

I hope you are safe and well.

Unfortunately, there have been no positive developments in response to the dispute between unions and the government over the teachers' pay award being below current rates of inflation.

Tuesday 28th February has been designated as a day of regional strike action for members of the National Education Union across Yorkshire and Humberside. We have reviewed the staffing position for the day and are unable to provide enough staff and adequate supervision for all year groups on that day. Therefore, The Calder Learning Trust will be implementing a partial opening, with school only open for the following:

All Calder Primary classes, Year 7 students and Year 11 students only.

We would like Calder High students in Years 8, 9 and 10 to use the day as a 'catch-up' day and use the time to complete any missing work from their subject booklets and assessment folders. We will also be sending some additional careers information for Year 8 and support work for the Duke of Edinburgh for Year 10.

Following the Year 9 Options assembly, students in Year 9 could use some of the day to research career opportunities and the qualification routes required. This will support the GCSE Options process. Again, further details will be sent to students through Class Charts.

We are continuing to work closely with our union representatives and staff to review arrangements for the remaining strike days on the 15th and 16th March 2023.

I apologise for the short notice, but we were expecting further details from the Department for Education and the teaching unions. I know that the current situation is frustrating, and I ask that our school community continues to support each other and treat each other with respect.

Take care and stay safe.

Anthony Guise
Head of The Calder Learning Trust
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