

## The Calder Learning Trust

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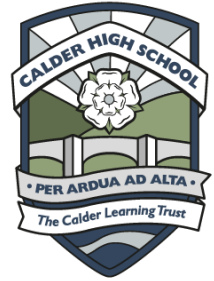
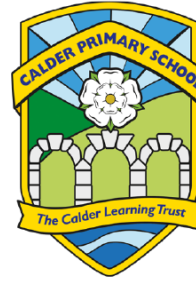
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Head of Calder High School - Mr A Taylor



September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break with the chance to rest and recharge ready for September. We are writing to share some updates and confirm plans for the new school year. Our apologies that this has not been able to be emailed earlier. This is due to us moving across to a new management information system- Arbor- for this new school year. Once the setup is all complete, this should make communications home much more streamlined and should eliminate some of the previous problems for some parents/carers not receiving emails, which we know was frustrating for all involved.

### **Start of Term Arrangements**

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – School begins for Calder Primary (Years R to 6) at 8.45am, Year 7 and Year 11 at 8.30am.
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September** –School open for all pupils and students in all year groups from Reception to Year 11.

Please [click here](#) to see our Primary school day times and [click here](#) for our Secondary school day times.

### **Uniform**

Please [click here](#) to read our school uniform policy for both Calder Primary and Calder High.

We also have in stock plenty of good quality pre-loved uniform available for both phases. Please email: [parentenquiry@calderlearningtrust.com](mailto:parentenquiry@calderlearningtrust.com) to enquire about our pre-loved uniform and sizes you need.

### **Arbor**

As we mentioned above, we have changed our management information system to a platform called Arbor. The platform holds all applications in one place rather than using different platforms for different purposes. This is very exciting for us and should streamline communication and operations for all stakeholders. Arbor will replace ClassCharts for students and parents for timetable, homework and pastoral information. Calder High students will activate their accounts in school, but all parents in both Calder Primary and Calder High will be sent a welcome email to activate their account this week.

We ask for a little patience from parents/carers whilst we fully implement Arbor; communications will be predominately via telephone if we need to get in touch with parents for the next few weeks. We will then move to automated messages/emails via Arbor in some instances as well as telephone conversations where more detail/personalisation is needed.

### **Mobile Phone Policy**

**From September 2024, mobile phones are not permitted to be out during the school day at all for students.** This includes in lessons, between lessons, at social times or anywhere on the school site. Mobile phones that are seen during the school day will be confiscated and will be placed in secure phone lockers at student services. They can then be collected by students at the end of the school day.

Any students who have their phone confiscated will be required to hand their phone into student services each morning for the following 3 days.

Calder Primary pupils in Key Stage 2 may bring a phone to school if they have a specific need such as if they are walking to and from school. In this case parents should inform school in advance in writing (letter or email). Then mobile phones should be handed in to class teachers on arrival at school and will be locked away and returned at home time.

This policy will be closely monitored over the year and as ever we welcome your feedback.

Some students will have different arrangements due to medical needs, for example Type 1 Diabetes, but please ensure that you have arranged this with our school nurse, Mrs Meade. Please contact her at [parentenquiry@calderlearningtrust.com](mailto:parentenquiry@calderlearningtrust.com)

### **Calder Primary: Other Useful Information**

- Please can pupils have a waterproof coat in school every day as we never know what the weather will do and like to get out for playtimes as much as we can.
- Please can pupils have a water bottle (containing water) in school every day. They can fill these up throughout the school day.
- Key Stage 2 pupils are welcome to bring a fruit or vegetable snack for morning playtime each day. Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils receive a free fruit or vegetable snack each day as part of the government scheme.
- Please can pupils in Classes 1, 2 and 3 bring an old t-shirt, shirt or apron for messy and art activities. These can be kept in school.
- Please can pupils bring their PE kit in a PE bag (PE bags are easier to fit on pegs!) to be kept on their peg in school every day.
- Please name everything! This includes their uniform as they will be taking this off for PE and it can easily become muddled.
- If your child brings packed lunches, please follow the [School Food Standards](#) for a balance of food groups and fruits and vegetables. More information and ideas for healthy packed lunches can be found [here](#).

### **Calder High: Other Useful Information**

- As part of our new Mobile Phone Policy and introduction of Arbor, we have re-introduced student planners to ensure that all students have a physical resource to be able to note down their homework or reminders and easily check their timetable. All homework will still be logged on Arbor for parents and students to access at home as well.
- Please note that during the summer holidays the times for the C82/C83 school bus service have changed. Please see below for the times that are currently on the WY Metro website. Please get in touch with them directly for any enquiries.  
<https://www.wymetro.com/media/wh5kjvca/c82-sept-2024-v1.pdf>  
<https://www.wymetro.com/media/2nfdjoga/c83-sept-2024-v1.pdf>
- We now have a centralised system for handling Calder High parental enquiries. If you need to share information with school about your child or have specific queries, please use the following link or QR code to submit this information. This helps us swiftly direct your enquiry to the most appropriate person. We ask parents not to email Heads of Year/staff directly.  
<https://forms.office.com/e/n03PtsYm2s>

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We look forward to seeing everyone again this week and welcoming everyone back to The Calder Learning Trust - with an extra special welcome to our new Reception and Year 7 pupils and students and anyone joining us in other year groups across school too!

Yours Sincerely,

*K.Lambert*  
Mrs K.Lambert  
Head of Calder Primary

*A.Taylor*  
Mr A.Taylor  
Head of Calder High

Everybody, Everyday

