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SEND UPDATE 2025-26

Dear Parents/Carers,

We welcome all of our new Year 7 students and are looking forward to working with young people and their families to accelerate learning and ensure the best possible outcomes are achieved.

As we are always striving to ensure the best possible support and outcomes for all our students, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, we have been reviewing our SEND provision and procedures along with feedback from parents of students with SEND last year and will be making some changes this academic year as a result.

To update you on our team, I am still SENDCO and also work to support our CLA students. Mrs McLaughlin is the Assistant SENDCO oversees Calder Primary SEND support and runs the Secondary Ready Provision that supports some of our Year 7 students in their transition to the High School, she also supports families and young people who fall under the banner of PLAC (Previously Looked After Children). (Miss) Jodie Barrie as our SEND Administrator, Jodie is excellent at being able to answer queries about SEND and is able to signpost parents and young people to support that is available. There are currently 14 full time Teaching and Learning Assistants & 5 part-time Teaching and Learning Assistants with a wealth of knowledge of working within SEND; working with young people within the High School to provide in class support and interventions. Should you need to contact the SEND Team, please do so by emailing SEND@calderlearningtrust.com.

There are currently 60 young people with EHCP's across the Trust, 3 within the Primary School setting and 57 within the High School setting. In addition to this there are 212 young people who are identified as requiring additional support on the SEND list, though this is an ever changing picture.

All young people who are on the SEND list have a Personal Learning Profile (PLP), this supports teachers in delivering quality first teaching to meet the needs of each young person. PLPs are updated at least annually with young people and the PLP is then shared with parents and carers. Some young people will be placed on a pathway to monitor their progress and needs more closely, in such cases a SEND Support Plan would be initiated and shared with young people, parents and carers. This may be used to make a future application for an EHCP.

All parents / carers of young people who are on the SEND list are invited to 3 SEND drop-ins a year, these are not compulsory but provides parents / carers with an opportunity to chat with a member of the SEND team about concerns or achievements and can be an opportunity to update the PLP. The drop in is not a meeting to discuss academic progress in lessons, this is reserved for parents evening.

I have attached an overview of the support and



communication that you should expect to receive over the coming academic year. We will also be sending out a parent survey midway through the year to gather your views on support and how we can continue to develop.

We look forward to working together with you this year.

Yours Sincerely,

Amanda Gregory Associate Assistant Headteacher Additional Needs / SENDCO and CLA Lead



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Coffee Morning TBC)	Summer	SEND Transition	July 2026 (dates	For parents / carers of prospective High School

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		 students. Provided an opportunity to look around Calder High to see if parents / carers feel that the facilities can meet the needs of their YP. An opportunity to meet with a member of the SEND Team (SENDCO and / or Assistant SENDCO) to discuss provision and the needs of a YP
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Yr6-7 SEND Transition Coffee Morning	June / July 2026 (date TBC)	 For parents / carers of YP: with an EHCP or who will access the Secondary Ready Provision or have CLA status and will be joining Calder High in Sept 2026 An opportunity to meet with the SENDCO, Assistant SENDCO, School Nurse and some of the member of our pastoral support / wellbeing team
SEND and Wellbeing Parent Coffee Morning	June 2026	 An opportunity to speak to our SENDCO, Miss Gregory, our Senior Leaders and our Mental Health Schools Team Practitioner. We will also invite some local providers who you might find useful to meet or see what they offer to support SEND, Mental Health, Health and Wellbeing.

In addition:

- There are Year group parent evenings where parent / carers can discuss a YP's academic progress with class teachers
- All YP with an EHCP will have an annual review meeting. It is our intention to complete all reviews in the following order over this academic year:

Yr11 - To be completed before October half term in line with Calderdale policy

Yr10 - Nov / Dec

Yr9 - Jan / Feb

Yr8 - March / April

Yr7 - May / June

Should a YP have an EHCP, the parent / carer will be contacted by school to arrange an convenient time for the meeting to take place,

