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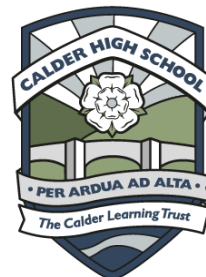
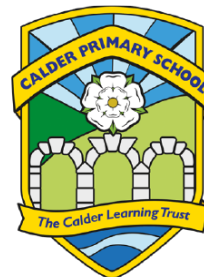
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Breakfast Club Update

Dear Parents / Carers,

We know that Breakfast Club provision is an important facility for working parents and want to ensure that we can continue to offer this provision as well as continually striving to make it the best that it can be.

We have listened to parent feedback about Breakfast Club and will be making the following changes from after half term:

- When children arrive at Breakfast Club, breakfast will be the first thing that they do. We will have a dedicated table to eat at together and **breakfast will be served from opening time until 8.10am**. Please ensure that your child has arrived **by 8am** if you would like them to eat breakfast here.
- There will still be indoor activities and crafts available for once the children have had their breakfast.
- From 8.15am onwards, children will be able to play outside as usual.
- If you do not wish your child to have any breakfast, please ensure that breakfast club staff know this, as they will mark the register accordingly. Ideally everyone will have something in that time slot, so that they can sit together with staff.
- Breakfast food will be displayed on a breakfast table for the children to see what is on offer each day. This will always have cereals, toast or other toasted items, yoghurts and fruit.
- We have reviewed our current offer and made some changes, including a new local bakery supplier for our fresh bread.
- There will be a wider selection of cereals on offer, which the children have suggested to us (but please note that cereals on offer will only follow the school foods guidelines e.g. Weetabix, Shreddies, Cheerios).
- In addition to toast, on some days there will be different toasted items such as crumpets or pancakes and we will see how popular these are to help us with planning going forward.
- Children are not limited on one breakfast choice, although we do ask that they eat what they have chosen before having something else to avoid food waste and to help with the costs.

Following feedback from parents, **from Tuesday 2nd December** Breakfast Club will be open from **7.30am-8.45am**. If you would like to begin coming at 7.30am, or for any new enquiries or changes to arrangements, please could you email Mrs Pickup at primary@calderlearningtrust.com. We hope that this will help parents who need an earlier start time or are not currently using our Breakfast Club as it doesn't start early enough. We will monitor the uptake of this and if it is not needed or taken up, we may need to adjust this again as it impacts on staffing. The cost of breakfast club continues to be £5 including this additional time each day. This ensures that we are able to cover the cost of staffing, food, utilities and resources.

We are registered with the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme and would recommend that everyone who is eligible pays for Breakfast Club through this, as it gives you effectively a 20% discount on the total cost. Households eligible for [Tax-Free Childcare](#) or [Universal Credit Childcare](#) will be able to use this to help pay for wraparound care. Tax-Free Childcare could save eligible parents up to £2,000 per year for children aged up to 11. Universal Credit Childcare could save eligible parents up to 85% of their childcare costs for children aged up to 16. To check if you are eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare, please visit [Childcare Choices](#).

Everybody, Everyday



I have asked our finance department to send some more information for parents on how to do this, and to make sure our systems align to support you with this. We will do this as soon as possible after the half term break, but I didn't want this element to delay me sending this letter for now with the updates.

We continue to track the government's Free Breakfast Club initiative for further updates. We were not chosen as an early adopter and know from other schools who were that there has been a lot of feedback to the government on the viability of this. It is currently under review with no date for when it might continue to be rolled out just yet. In addition, we are unfortunately not eligible for other initiatives that provide free breakfast clubs, such as Magic Breakfast. We will update you as soon as we have further information on any of this and how it will impact our provision.

We hope this update has been helpful. We will continue to monitor things and welcome feedback on what is working well - and what isn't too!

Yours Sincerely,

K.Lambert

Mrs K.Lambert
Head of Calder Primary School