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Dear parent or carer

### **Inspection of Calder High School, A Specialist Technology College by Ofsted**

We have just told your child's school that we will inspect it on 26 to 27 January 2012. The lead inspector will be Mr John Coleman. We are writing to you because we would like to know what you think about the school. Please take a few minutes to read the leaflet which came with this letter. It explains why we inspect schools, and what happens during an inspection. The school can give you this letter and the leaflet in languages other than English. These are also available on our website at [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk).

### **Your views about the school are important to us**

If you are a registered parent or carer of a pupil at the school (including pupils on sick leave or who are temporarily excluded), we are interested to know what you and your child think is good about the school, as well as anything that you would like to be improved. You can tell us your views by filling in the questionnaire over the page.

Please provide just one answer to each question even if you have more than one child at the school. You can add further comments by writing in the comment box at the end of the questionnaire.

Please return the questionnaire to the school in a sealed envelope marked 'confidential' and addressed to the inspection team. If possible, please return your questionnaire to the school by **1 pm** on 26 January 2012 as this will give the inspection team more time to consider your views. However, we will consider all questionnaires which arrive during the inspection. If concerns are raised about child protection, we may have to pass the information we receive to social services or the police.

Questionnaires will be **confidential** to the inspectors. We will not reveal your identity, even if the inspectors discuss with the school any issues that you raise. The inspectors will use the questionnaires to help make their judgements.

### **Speaking to an inspector**

It may be possible to speak to an inspector during the inspection, for instance at the start of the school day. Inspection administrators will be happy to make the necessary arrangements or to pass on messages to the inspectors if you are unable to speak to them in person. You can contact the administrators on 01695 566 857. Inspectors will be pleased to receive your comments, but cannot deal with complaints about individual pupils or settle disputes between you and the school.

Thank you for taking the time to fill in the questionnaire.

Yours faithfully

Mr James Kinsman



You can use Ofsted's online survey, Parent View, at any time during the school year to give Ofsted your opinion of your child's school. You can also use Parent View to see survey results for schools across England. Visit [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk), or look for the link on the main Ofsted website: [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)

To Inspection team at: Calder High School, A Specialist Technology College

I have a child in the following Year.....

My child has special educational needs or disabilities (or both).

Yes

No



## Questionnaire for parents and carers

Please read the following statements and tick the answer which best fits what you think about the school. Please only tick one box per statement. If you cannot answer leave it blank.

My child is in year  
group

	(Please tick)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	My child feels safe at this school.				
2	My child is making good progress at this school.				
3	This school meets my child's particular needs.				
4	This school ensures my child is well looked after.				
5	My child is taught well at this school.				
6	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.				
7	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.				
8	My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour.				
9	This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).				
10	This school helps me to support my child's learning.				
11	This school responds well to my concerns.				
12	This school keeps me well informed.				

13	I would recommend this school to another parent.	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
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14	If you want to explain any of your answers, or if there is anything else you want the inspection team to know, please tell us here. If you have concerns about child protection, we would advise you to contact your local authority designated officer in children's services. If you mention a child protection issue here, please include your name.
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Please return this questionnaire in a sealed envelope to your child's school. Please mark the envelope 'Confidential - for attention of Ofsted inspection team'. Thank you once again for filling in the questionnaire.