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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

Dear Parents,

### Children's University Award Scheme

Building on the incredible success of last year, we will once again be running Blackpool Children's University. The Children's University recognises and celebrates all the hard work and learning that so many children are involved in outside of the classroom. Last year we had lots of graduates and we are hoping to build on this and have even more this year!

All the clubs and activities that take place in school, for example happy feet or eco council, will all count towards hours that can be accredited to the University. Activities that take place outside of school will need to be registered as 'suitable activities' for Blackpool Children's University. Examples of activities might be swimming, football training, dance classes, horse riding lessons and music lessons. Groups such as Brownies and Cubs can also count towards Children's University, but only when a learning activity takes place, such as working towards a badge, learning to canoe or abseiling.

It is important to note that only training or lessons can be included towards hours for Children's University, performances, competitions or matches cannot be included. At the end of every half term, children will be provided with a form for each activity that they participate in and out of school. This form should be signed by the activity instructor and then returned to school where hours can be added to their Log Book. Hours are carried over from one year to the next e.g. if the child completed 36 hours of learning last year, this will be carried forward and added to for this year's participation.

Children can graduate a variety of different levels.

Awards	Certificates	Diplomas	Degrees
30 Hrs – bronze	130 Hrs – bronze	230 Hrs – bronze	330 Hrs – bronze
65 hrs – silver	165 hrs – silver	265 hrs – silver	365 hrs – silver
100 hrs - gold	200 hrs - gold	300 hrs - gold	400 hrs - gold

We do ask that children take place in a minimum of 3 different activities before they can graduate.

If you are interested in registering your child to take part, please fill in the form overleaf, stating which clubs/activities they take part in. Once returned, Miss Bonsor will issue a form for you to take to the clubs outside of school to have your hours of learning authorised.

If you have any questions or queries regarding Blackpool Children's University, please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bonsor.