



23rd May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a great week, and that you and your family enjoy the May half term break.

We have four members of the Unity team leaving us on Friday, May 23rd. Abby Purvis, Ross Wallace and Jessica Hatton who have been supporting the behaviour team over the past few months, will be moving onto new challenges. Natalie Hall who has been supporting us with attendance is also leaving us. We thank them for their hard work and wish them well in their next endeavour.

### What have we been up to this week?

It's been another busy week in the secondary phase as all students continue to work hard in the run-up to the summer holidays. Year 11 students are now halfway through their exam series, and this week alone, they've tackled papers in Chemistry, English Literature & Language, French, Computer Science, and Physics. Their attendance and attitude have been excellent so far, and we're proud of their commitment. While they'll get a brief reprieve over the half-term break, we expect them to stay focused and maintain their efforts as they prepare for the final stretch of exams.

This week the primary team had a visit from the English Hub. It was so good to be able to share the excellent phonics teaching we have here at Unity. The feedback we received was really positive - "Walking through Unity School during RWI Phonics, there was a real buzz in the air. Classrooms were alive with energy—children fully engaged, confidently blending sounds and eager to participate. The teaching was enthusiastic, and purposeful, creating a focused learning environment where every child was thriving. It was a powerful snapshot of phonics done brilliantly."

### New Messages

#### Primary PSHE Curriculum

We will be offering a parental drop-in session regarding the PSHE scheme we use in school in response to a request from some parents. The session will be held on Tuesday 3rd June between 2:30 and 3pm in the Community Hub. There will be an opportunity to share details about the PSHE scheme and answer any questions you have about the topics taught.

#### Ready, Respectful, Safe

Mr Brimley led this week's RRS Behaviour Curriculum assembly which focused on **taking responsibility for our actions**. At Unity, we believe it's important to help young children learn how to take responsibility for their actions. Saying "sorry" is more than just a word — it's a way for children to show they understand how their actions affect



others and that they want to make things right. When children learn to say sorry and truly mean it, they begin to build empathy, strengthen their friendships, and grow into kind, respectful individuals. With gentle guidance and support, we help our pupils understand that mistakes are part of learning — and taking responsibility is how we grow. When we return after the holidays, we will recap on our **Ready, Respectful and Safe school values and expectations** ready for the term ahead.

This week in our secondary RRS behaviour curriculum, we continue to reinforce our high standards across the school. Our focus remains on embedding the core values of being *Ready*, *Respectful*, and *Safe* in every part of school life. We will maintain this focus until all students are consistently meeting these fundamental expectations.

As part of RRS, we'd like to remind parents and carers of our uniform expectations. Students must wear all-black footwear (no Crocs); leggings and tracksuit bottoms are not permitted, and shorts must be tailored with no logos. Jumpers are a non-negotiable part of the uniform and should be worn, though we are of course mindful of the warmer weather — students may remove jumpers during lessons to stay cool.

We continue to run a lunchtime reflection for any student who receives a behaviour point before lunch — a 15-minute session that provides a clear and consistent consequence while still allowing time to eat and use the toilet. Parents and carers are kept informed through regular text updates, promoting transparency and shared responsibility.

Alongside this, we remain committed to celebrating positive behaviour. Weekly recognition takes place in assemblies and tutor time, with additional rewards each half term for students who consistently uphold our values and lead by example.

### [Repeated Messages](#)

#### **Reminders: Mobile Phones, Chewing Gum and Fizzy Drinks**

A reminder to all parents and carers that **Yondr pouches must be used without exception for mobile phones**. Students are expected to secure their phones in their pouches at the start of the school day, and the pouches should remain sealed until dismissal. This is part of our commitment to minimising distractions and maintaining a focused learning environment.

We also kindly ask parents and carers to remind students that chewing gum and fizzy drinks are not permitted in school. These items are not in line with our school expectations and will be confiscated if brought in.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations.



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### Standing Messages

**Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)** - Please click [here](#) to view the primary newsletter.

### My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)

[Please click here](#) for a link to the site. If you access this on a mobile device, you can access the links for the apps.

If you have not signed up, please download the app from the relevant app store and click 'sign up' and use the school postcode (FY2 0TS) or school ID (14676) to register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. Parents are now able to access attendance information on the My Child at School app.

**UPDATE - Behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now available on MCAS for parents following some technical issues.**

### Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

As usual this has closed for the half term break and will be reopened at the start of half term 6.

### Online Safety Support for Parents/ Carers (All Parents/ Carers)

Click [here](#) to access the link to this week's online safety guide for parents. You can also sign up for The National College for free and view a wide range of resources and videos to support your family with online safety. To do this follow the link below:

Sign up tutorial video - <https://help.nationalcollege.com/parent-walkthrough>

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Yours sincerely,

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