



4th October 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to everyone for your support with open evening last night, it is always such a pleasure to welcome families to school and share the wonderful work we do.

Cyber Attack Update (All Parents/ Carers)

Whilst on the surface, it may appear that we are 'back to normal' following the recent cyber attack, this is not yet the case and we are still working our way through getting systems back online. Thank you for your continued patience.

Meal Vouchers (All Parents/ Carers)

We have been informed by Blackpool Council that they will provide vouchers for children who are on Free School Meals for October half term. Please keep an eye on emails for the link which will be sent before the half term break.

Canteen Update (All Parents/ Carers)

We have managed to get our canteen systems back up and running this week so a greater offer is now available for secondary break/ lunch.

I do also need to inform you that the catering service has informed us that there will be some slight price increases after the October half term for secondary aged children. This follows an increase to primary lunch prices in April. Costs have remained stable for some years and the catering service does need to increase costs to keep up with food prices.

My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)



A number of parents contacted us on Monday to say they didn't know about the photographs for secondary aged children. This has been shared a number of times on the update and via the My Child at School App. This is our main platform for communication. [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) you can register. You must register with the email address we hold on our system for you. The link has been sent to parental email addresses again today. It expires within 24 hours so please click on it ASAP. Thank you

Could parents/carers who have the app, please help us spread the word about this by sharing it with other parents.



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Mental Health Day

Friday, 11 October is Mental Health Day where pupils can wear something yellow for a £1 donation.

Primary Flu Vaccinations

Information regarding this was shared recently via our MCAS app which is why parents having access to the app is so important! **Primary Flu Vaccinations will take place on Friday 11th October.** Mrs Shaw will share the link again today via MCAS so please click on the link to fill in the required form.

Ready, Respectful, Safe (All Parents/ Carers)

In our primary behaviour curriculum this week, we have talked about 'Trusted Adults'. This is to ensure that all children know who they can turn to should they need it in order to keep themselves, and others, safe. Next week, we will move onto talking about being emotionally ready for learning using the story 'Gecko is frustrated' - a book about keeping calm.

In our curriculum for secondary students this week, we have covered Unity and the community. This included the benefits for students in understanding the reasons for being active within our school community. We have focused on an enhanced sense of belonging, engagement and skill development whilst fostering inclusivity and building confidence.

Wow Moments in School this Week (All Parents/ Carers)

The Wow Moments for this week are below. Well done to everyone involved.

- Year 11 higher tier maths students have made some excellent progress this half term.
- Year 11 students have made significant improvements to their academic writing in English.
- Year 8 and the high levels of participation in netball. We were able to take two teams to their recent tournament and they conducted themselves excellently.

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)

Please click [here](#) to view the primary newsletter.

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

If you or your child needs to raise any bullying or pastoral concerns with the academy please [click here](#).



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Extra Curricular Offer (All Parents/Carers)

[Our offer for half term 1 is available here.](#)

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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