



6th September 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Welcome back to school for the 2024-2025 academic year. It has been great to see our students this week and to catch up with them about what they got up to over summer.

Thank You (All Parents/ Carers)

I wanted to start with a huge thank you to all parents /carers for their support with a number of key changes at the start of the academic year. The children looked incredibly smart this week in the updated uniform and we have dealt with far less uniform issues than normal at the start of the year. I am truly hopeful that the changes have also reduced the costs for you over the summer period.

A big thank you to parents/ carers of Year 7 to 11 students for their help with the roll out of Yondr pouches. This has gone smoothly with children already locking phones in pouches as part of routines. It was really interesting seeing how few notifications children had actually missed when they reopened them at the end of each day. Remember this change is to allow them to focus on learning during the day and to build social relationships with other children that are not reliant on social media. Thank you to parents/ carers for your support.

My Child at School App (All Parents/ Carers)



Our main communication platform has now changed to the My Child at School App. [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 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. A letter was shared before summer and will be shared again regularly and we will regularly send the sign up links to your email accounts (they are only valid for 24 hours). This app will be in place of our usual messaging system so it is important that you get registered. The email address is the same one we use for vouchers.



Ready, Respectful, Safe (All Parents/ Carers)

We have spent this week in school establishing routines. 95.4% of our children this week have received no negative behaviour points and have met our RRS expectations all week and 15% of our school community have been awarded RRS points for going above and beyond to support the Ready, Respectful, Safe curriculum. These points are not given for meeting expectations, they are for going well above.

Standards are really important as they help children learn and make progress. Thank you for reminding children of these expectations regularly at home. For many children, the expectations for each subject are stuck in their exercise books.

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

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

- 95.4% of our children this week have met our expectations in terms of Ready, Respectful and Safe behaviour.
- 15% of our children have gone above and beyond with these expectations.

Primary Newsletter (Primary Parents/ Carers)

Click [here](#) to access 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](#).

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>

Sign up for The National College - <https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/unity-academy-blackpool>

Yours sincerely,



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