

**UNITY ACADEMY BLACKPOOL**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be the new Interim Headteacher of Unity Academy. Although I have only been leading the school for a few days, I have been really struck by how polite and pleasant so many students have been and how dedicated and hard-working the staff team is. It is my privilege to be leading the school.

Over the coming weeks and months, I will be working with the whole staff team to ensure we are doing all we can to provide high-quality education to your child, in whatever year group they are in. I will be focused keenly on students' attendance, students' behaviour (both in and out of lessons), students' commitment to their own learning, and the quality of teaching and learning in classrooms. Safeguarding, the provision of SEND and student wellbeing are also key priorities for us all as a school community.

I have worked in education for over 30 years, and I have been a Headteacher for the last twenty years, working in Middlesbrough, Manchester, Rochdale, Wakefield and further afield. I have also worked in all-through schools, so I have experience of both primary and secondary education. I hope to bring my various experiences to this new role, as we seek to move Unity Academy forward in a whole variety of ways.

I look forward to working with you over the course of this term, and I thank you in advance for your willing cooperation and support.

With all best wishes,

Chris Drew

Interim Headteacher

[What have we been up to this week?](#)

It has been wonderful to welcome our Primary pupils back in school this week and to see the classrooms and corridors busy again with children learning, laughing and catching up with friends.

As always, the first week back has been a busy one, but we have been so pleased with how well the children have settled into their new classes. They have quickly got to know their new teachers and routines and have made a fantastic start to the new school year.

Across secondary, we have continued to reinforce the routines and expectations that help create a calm, purposeful and successful learning environment.



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Our key focus remains Ready, Respectful and Safe (RRS). Students have been reminded of what these expectations look like in lessons, during line-ups and as they move around the school. Establishing these habits early will help everyone make the most of the year ahead.

Assemblies this week have focused on attendance and punctuality. Every day in school matters: regular attendance gives students the best possible chance to learn, achieve and feel part of our school community.

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, 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, and behaviour reports (Positive and Negative) are now also available.

Reporting Bullying/ Pastoral Concerns (All Parents/ Carers)

The link to raise a concern remains on the website. Click on the three lines and choose to raise a pastoral/bullying concern under the parents heading. These concerns are reviewed by the senior team and allocated to the most appropriate member of staff to investigate and communicate with parents.

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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