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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we wrap up an incredibly warm week, we wanted to share a quick update and a massive thank you to our wonderful school community.

Our pupils have been absolute stars coping with the recent heatwave! While the soaring temperatures have definitely made things a bit challenging, it has also been a fantastic opportunity for our students to build some real resilience. Learning to push through and keep trying our best—even when things are a little uncomfortable—is a brilliant life skill. Our pupils have risen to the challenge beautifully and kept their focus high.

We couldn't have gotten through this hot spell so smoothly without an amazing team effort:

- To our Teaching and Support Staff: A giant thank you for working so hard behind the scenes to ensure everyone's safety, hydration, and comfort.
- To our Pupils: Thank you for adhering so well to our PE and summer uniform guidelines. It has helped everyone stay cool while still maintaining our school's high standards.

The great news is that cooler weather is on the way next week, which will make the classrooms much more comfortable for everyone! Sometimes when the rain comes, it is a good thing!

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

Primary RRS this week focused on Equity vs Equality which is actually a hard concept for them to understand! We talked about which was fair - everyone being given the same thing to access learning to make it fair, or everyone getting the help they need, in the way they need it, to be able to access their learning. The children agreed that personalised support was much better! I gave the example of just because I wear glasses to help me, should every teacher be made to wear them even if it made things more difficult for them - the children understood that it would hinder some of the teachers. We moved onto talking about some specific tools that some children may need in class with a view to them seeing that it was to actually help learning e.g. wobble cushions, ear defenders, fidget toys etc. There were some really mature discussions following assembly about equity vs equality! Well done everyone!

This week in the secondary RRS curriculum, students have explored the topic of social media, with discussions given added relevance following the Government's recent announcement of plans to introduce restrictions on social media access for under-16s. Students considered both the benefits and potential risks of social media, encouraging them to think critically about their own online habits and digital wellbeing.



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A group of Year 9 and Year 10 students also took part in an exciting TechSheCan careers workshop, where they explored the rapidly developing world of Artificial Intelligence. Working collaboratively, students designed and built their own AI-powered app, developing their creativity, problem-solving skills and understanding of how emerging technologies are shaping the future workplace.

Repeated Messages

The primary team would kindly ask for your cooperation in ensuring that children do not bring toys into school from home. Recently, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of fidget toys being brought in. While we understand these can be popular, we unfortunately cannot guarantee their safety and they can easily become lost, damaged, or cause distractions in the classroom. Please be assured that if a child requires a fidget toy or specific sensory resource to support their learning, this will be formally assessed and clearly stated on their Individual Learning Plan and the school will provide the necessary resources. Thank you so much for your support in keeping our classrooms safe and focused on learning!

If your child has borrowed any of our school uniform can you please ensure that it is returned as our spares store is extremely low and we will end up having to ring parents to come and change their child soon. If you have any donations of old school uniform or even any packs of underwear that your child hasn't used, please send them into school. Thank you

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:



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Yours sincerely,

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