



26th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We've just finished our third week of term, and I want to thank you and your children for an excellent start. The children have had to adapt to a lot of changes, and most of them have done so with ease. I'm especially pleased with how mature and well-behaved they've been with the Yondr pouches. We've had very few issues with phones being used in school. It's been great to see our students sitting at tables during lunch, talking to each other and connecting face-to-face instead of on a device. It's good that we can keep our school a place of learning that is free from the distractions and pressures many children face online.

What have we been up to this week?

Primary Meet the Teacher - It was so nice to see so many children represented by their families at our Meet the Teacher/ Expectations Sharing session on Monday after school. For those of you that couldn't make it, we will send out a copy of the slides the class teachers used. Please read through them so that both home and school are on the same page in regards to meeting our expectations. Thank you!

In our primary RRS Curriculum this week, we have focused on E-Safety. Mrs Shaw spoke with the children in assembly on Monday about the importance of keeping themselves safe online. We discussed not sharing personal information or pictures, the fact that some websites and apps have age restrictions for a reason and who they can turn to should they see something upsetting! Our staff are so pleased that they didn't grow up with the access to technology that our young people have nowadays. We realise that makes us sound very old but our children have the most access than ever before to seeing content that is simply not age appropriate! As educators and parents we have a duty of care to protect our children. The NSPCC has some useful information and tips that you can access [here](#).

This week in the Secondary Phase has been another busy and productive one. Our Year 7 students have been working hard as they completed their CATs, giving them the perfect opportunity to showcase their learning skills. We also welcomed the school photographers into the school to take this year's student photographs.

In Year 10, students will take part in an exciting Science Learning Day on Monday, engaging in practical activities and experiments designed to deepen their understanding of the subject.

In Year 11, our catering students have been developing their practical skills further by perfecting the art of fish filleting. They showed real precision and care while filleting plaice kindly provided by Docksider of Fleetwood – a fantastic experience that brought industry-standard skills into the classroom.



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Across the school, our Ready, Respectful, Safe (RRS) curriculum has continued to underpin our high expectations. This week, we have focused on ensuring all students are in the correct black footwear, following our jewellery policy, and wearing their compulsory black jumpers. These high standards help to maintain a sense of pride, unity, and consistency across our school community.

[Repeated Messages](#)

Open Evening

A reminder that it is our school **Open Evening on Thursday October 2nd**. You are cordially invited to see how the school works and have a look around our wonderful facilities. The event takes place from 4.00pm until 7.00pm. Many of our pupils will be helping out.

Please be aware that **school closes at 2.00pm on this day** to allow staff and pupils to set up for the event. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Communication

We will be sharing various messages over the next few weeks linked to the greater use of the MCAS system for payments to school, and an update of potentially harmful electronic devices such as Vapes and Scooters.

[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.



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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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