



Unity Community Primary

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It was a bit of a wet start to our third year at Unity but it's great to see all the children again and we have an exciting year of learning ahead. Further information is always available on the school website but there are a few things that I would like to remind you of;

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New Staff

We have several new staff working at Unity this September. Abigail Healy is the teacher in the Nursery class, Lisa Hull is the Y3 teacher Cath Jolleys is our new Deputy Head and the Y4 teacher and Fia Ogunyemi will also teach Y4 while Mrs Jolleys has time out of class for her other duties. A warm Unity welcome to them all, we are looking forward to working together

School Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform and it is significant in being part of and belonging to Unity. Please make sure your child wears a school jumper or cardigan or a plain grey one. Children should also wear grey school trousers/skirt/dress and black shoes. This means they look much smarter and ready to learn. Children should avoid wearing jewellery for health and safety reasons. A watch and plain stud earrings can be worn but will have to be removed/covered for P.E.

Birthdays

Every week during celebration assembly we acknowledge children who are celebrating their birthdays by singing 'Happy Birthday'. As a school we do not encourage the giving of sweets on children's birthdays and there is no expectation that children will bring anything for other children on their birthday but if you do wish to send something in on your child's birthday, please just limit this to a cake which can be given to children to take home in a cake. Children should also always be wearing appropriate clothing (i.e. uniform) in school so we request that you do not send children in party clothes on their birthdays. A birthday badge is permitted if you would like them to stand out for the day

Drop off and Pick up time

The school gates open at 8.45am when you can take your child onto the school playground (or into class if they are in Reception or Y1). Please walk your child onto the playground and make sure an adult from school has acknowledged that they are there before leaving. The children know that they are only play on the playground apart from at lunchtime. Please make sure they are not going on the grass in the morning. The gates close again at 9.00am so if you are late you need to bring your child to the main office.

At home time, children will be brought outside and lined up at 3.15pm. The class teacher will dismiss your child when they see the agreed adult, please allow space around the doors for all the children to come out safely. If a child has not been picked up by 3.30pm they will be taken to the main office and that is where they will need to be collected from. If children are continually picked up late, school will start to charge parents/carers for using the after-school club as we do not have the staff to supervise late children

Wrap-around childcare

If you do need your child to be taken care of before or after-school hours, we do now offer both a breakfast club and an after-school club. Breakfast club is £3 per day and after-school club is £7.50 per session. There is a slight discount if you attend both clubs as this is charged at £10 per day. If you would like to sign up for this childcare, please go to the main office to complete the forms



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NB: Breakfast club children now need to be dropped off at the main office. After-school pick up is still via the steps on Allesley Drive

School dinners

All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a universal Free School Meal (FSM). We encourage all children to take up this nutritious hot meal every day. If you would rather your child had a packed lunch, please make sure this contains healthy items such as a sandwich and fruit and avoids lots of sugary snacks.

If you are receiving benefits your child may be entitled to a FSM and school entitled to additional funding through the Pupil Premium grant. All applications for a FSM must be completed online;

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/forms/form/1393/en/apply_for_free_school_meals

Sports

This year we have coaches from MCFC coming to deliver PE sessions to all classes every **Wednesday**. (Tuesday in Reception). It is important that your child has a change of clothes (t-shirt and shorts/leggings) and suitable footwear (pumps/trainers) for playing sports in.

There will be an after-school sports club for Y3 and Y4 on Wednesday from 3.15 – 4.15pm. A letter/consent form will be coming to those children shortly.

All year groups will continue to do their 'daily mile' to make sure our children are keeping active and healthy.

Every Thursday afternoon, Y4 will also be going swimming at Abraham Moss swimming baths. A coach will pick them up and return them to school during the school day. An additional letter has gone to Y4 parent about this.

Parking

As school grows and more children are attending Unity school and nursery there is more traffic around school. We strongly recommend that you walk your children to school wherever possible to avoid their being congestion. If you do drive to school, please make sure you park abiding by the road markings and in a way that does not block any driveways or the pavement.

Parents' Views

We are always really keen to get your feedback on how we are doing as a school and any ideas for improvement. A number of workshops will be put on for parents throughout the year and we ask that you always fill out an evaluation of these. The parent survey will also be out later in the autumn term. As a new school in its 3rd year of opening, we will definitely undergo our first Ofsted inspection this academic year. One thing inspectors always look at is comments on their website. You can leave comments at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Parents' meetings to discuss your child's progress and how they've settled into their new year group will be the last two week this half term (weeks beginning 9th and 16th October)

If you have any comments or queries, please get in touch. Class teachers (and myself, usually!) are out on the playground at home time or you can make an appointment through the main office to see me. Thanks you for your continued support, I look forward to working with you for another successful year at Unity.

Mrs Lee: Headteacher