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Dear Parent / Carer,

Throughout the past number of years, much work has been completed to improve how we communicate with parents and carers. Our website has been redesigned, letters and parent packs are frequent and we took our next big step during the academic year 2019-2020 with the phased introduction of SIMS Parent App.

Over the course of last year approximately 700 parents signed up to this app. With registration brought a number of benefits. This app allows you to securely see your child's school profile at the click of a button.

This app is primarily to prompt discussion between parent and child, with no obligation to follow up with a call to the teacher. However, the value of conversations sparked from home / school liaison can help to promote positive steps in your child's education. SIMS Parent App is used to provide you with:

- The school calendar and key dates;
- Whole school / year group messages;
- Your son / daughter's timetable(s);
- Details of their attendance and punctuality;
- Homework, set through the engagement portal;
- Assessment tracking reports;
- Achievement points;
- Incidences of inappropriate behaviour;
- Push notifications from subject / class teachers about your child, or their class;
- Access to update your contact details, so we always have the most-up-to-date information in case of an emergency.

As a school, we are delighted to enhance home school liaison in this more practical, efficient and eco-friendly way. Throughout this academic year, step-by-step functions have been unlocked, as part of a whole school roll-out. To date, a number of the above features are now operational.

Parents / carers are under no obligation to register for this app, however, as school tracking reports are shared this way, it is important that you consider signing up to access information swiftly and securely.

Robust checks have been carried out in respect of recent GDPR legislation, needless to say, the safety and security of your information, along with that of your child's remains paramount. SIMS Parent App stands as a GDPR compliant piece of software.

To access this app, you need to ensure that the email address that the school holds is up-to-date. The signatory information, name and email that you provide will be cross-referenced with your data collection form held on file. Only parent / carers who hold parental responsibility will be invited to access information via this app. An email invitation will then be sent to you. The app itself is free to download to Apple and Android smartphones but it can also be accessed from a standard desktop computer. It is important that you check your email for the link to sign up as it holds an expiration date. A step-by-step guide can be found on our school's website under the parent section to help you with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Bell
Principal