



Consilium Academies

Monday 7th February

RE: Parent 'App' and Communications

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are changing the way that we communicate with you and going paperless. From March we will be using a new 'app' based system, accessible on mobile phones, tablets, and PCs. This new system is free, as well as being simple and easy to both set up and use.

We have decided to implement this change in communication between you and the school in order to give you greater control and visibility of your child's education and progression, as well as allow you to receive updates from our school as soon as they are announced. By going paperless this allows our school to be more environmentally conscious and reduce our impact on climate change.

The new SIMS Parent app will allow you to monitor your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour reports, homework, and test results. You will have access to their student diary and timetable, giving you greater oversight and assurance over your child's wellbeing and safety. Alongside these benefits, the app will also allow us to communicate much faster with you, allowing you to keep up to date with events at the school, such as trips or closures, parent's evenings, after-school sessions, and enable us to effectively communicate the progress your child is making with us. You will be able to use the app to update your contact details so we always have the most up-to-date information in case of emergency.

We truly believe using this app is vital in enabling you to actively engage with your child's education and that it will benefit them on their journey towards excellence in the classroom and beyond. For this reason, we have chosen an app which is streamlined, coherent, and the easiest to operate, so all parents and guardians will be able to take advantage of it.

You will receive an invitation by email to use this new system. In this email there will be a link for you to register an account. You can then download the SIMS Parent app by going to your device's Google Play or Apple Store, where you can then download the SIMS Parent App by Capita PLC. We will use the email address that we currently hold on file to send you your invitation. If you have more than one child at the school, you will be able to access information for all your children on the app, and only need to register once. For more information about the app and a guide for installing it, please visit the **News** section on our website.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr D. Lancaster
Head Teacher