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Re: Changes to Management Information System

Dear Parents/Guardians

I wish to inform you that over the coming months there will be some changes in the way that we communicate with you, in particular assessment data and reports. This is an exciting yet significant change for the school and we fully expect that after some minor disruption the quality and clarity of the new system will enhance the information that you get from the school.

As you will be aware the school has used "Eportal" as the interface for basic information and reports over the past few years although it is not always the easiest product to navigate. This product is no longer being developed and it has proved difficult to develop the quality of information that you receive. Therefore, after some discussion, the school has decided to switch to a new provider called "Bromcom"; this is a cloud-based system that is used by a number of local schools as well as widely nationally.

So far our work in developing "Bromcom" and exporting the information from one system to another is going smoothly but as I am sure you will recognise this is going to entail a large amount of work in checking the accuracy of this export. "Bromcom" has developed a parent portal known as "My Child at School" (MCAS) and once active, hopefully by the middle of May at the latest, an up-to-date link will be available on the website. Usernames and passwords will be issued via email so it is important that we have up-to-date contact information for you. As part of this process and to ensure we are compliant with the latest Data Protection Legislation (and GDPR compliant) we will be requiring you to check the accuracy of the information we hold carefully.

Finally it is worth noting that "Eportal" will cease to be available by the end of April and therefore if you need any information from this system, please ensure you access it as soon as possible as it will take some time ensuring that this information is transferred to the new system. A support guide will be available for parents and if necessary further support will be distributed via the school website.

I would like to apologise in advance if these changes inconvenience you in any way and if you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

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