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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that we are launching a new school communication system, called ParentApps, which will greatly improve the way we communicate with you. This has been introduced in response to the results of our Parental/Carers Survey earlier this term, in which you told us that you would like us to improve communication between home and school, in a way that is easy for you to access.

The **ParentApps Connect System** will provide you with instant access to our school calendar, event and trip letters, newsletters, messages and general information. By registering for the app it will ensure that you have up to date information first hand, meaning paper letters and information do not go astray or get lost and all messages can be collected from one place on your phone. It also will link directly to our website and you will also be able to report absences directly from within the app. In addition to this, the new features of the system will enable you to view and submit consent forms easily, receive secure documents, and also invite any family members that are approved, to download the app, ensuring that the right people have access to important information regarding your child. We will use this information to send child specific information via direct and group messages, so you aren't bombarded with messages for all year groups.

Finally, and most importantly, the app is fully secure and GDPR compliant. In order to access the app, you will need to be invited via email. **Please look out for an email invitation from ParentApps in the New Year, with further instructions on downloading and accessing the app. All parents should receive this email by Monday 6th January; if you do not receive the email, please contact Miss. Forsch, our School Business Administrator, at the school office, to ensure we have an up to date email address for you.** If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D Rusling
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