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Dear Parents & Carers

Introduction of the Bromcom MIS platform

I am writing to inform you that Walmsley CE Primary School will be changing the way that it administers pupil data this year. We have used SIMS MIS (Management Information System) ("SIMS") and Schoolcomms for a number of years for capturing all relevant types of pupil data to enable us to manage and monitor attendance, attainment, behaviour and to communicate with parents and carers.

Following a review of the effectiveness of SIMS by the Local Authority, it has been decided to replace it with another platform which is better able to fulfil our needs. Following a procurement exercise by the Local Authority, it was decided to replace SIMS with a new cloud-based platform provider – Bromcom MIS ("Bromcom").

Bromcom is used widely across the United Kingdom and will fulfil a similar function to SIMS and Schoolcomms. However, this choice of system has been driven by the better functionality available to us on Bromcom and our ability to capture and analyse education related data in a more intelligent way. Taken together, this will help us to deliver better educational outcomes.

In choosing Bromcom, we were also satisfied that your children's personal data would be held safely and securely in accordance with expected data security standards in order to satisfy our data protection requirements.

I would like to stress that we will still be collecting the same information in respect of your children - we will just be holding it in a different way. In addition, we will continue to only use your children's personal data for the management of their education and the operation of the school.

The introduction of Bromcom requires exporting a considerable amount of existing data from SIMS to Bromcom. As you can imagine, this is going to entail work to check the accuracy of this data transfer.

What does this mean for you?

- With the introduction of the Bromcom platform, there will be 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.



Resilience



Trust



Aspiration



Hope



Respect



Love

'Growing as a family to flourish in God's Love'

- Bromcom has developed a parent portal known as “My Child at School” (MCAS) and once active, an up-to-date link will be available on the school’s website for you to access via desktop, tablet or on your phone through a dedicated app.

Username and passwords will be issued via email, so it is important that we have up-to-date contact information for you. **Please will you check that the contact information (email addresses and mobile numbers) we hold on you is correct as it is critical that the information we transfer to Bromcom is the right information.** MCAS will replace the Schoolcomms (Gateway) app.

As part of this process and to ensure we are compliant with the Data Protection requirements, we will be requiring you to check the accuracy of the information we hold carefully.

I am excited at the benefits that Bromcom will provide the school. Further updates will be provided to you when the platform goes live.

Kind regards

Joanna Atherton
Head Teacher