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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Introducing My Child At School (MCAS): Our New Parent App

As part of a wider programme of work that will affect all schools in Northern Ireland, we are pleased to inform you that our school is transitioning to Bromcom as our new School Management System.

As part of this transition, we are introducing a new parent app called My Child At School (MCAS). Once fully implemented, MCAS will become our primary method of communication with parents and carers.

MCAS is designed to improve communication between school and home by providing quick, easy access to important information about your child's school experience.

To ensure a smooth transition, we will begin phasing in the use of MCAS from 1st December. Throughout this period, school-related information such as announcements and updates will gradually move to the app. This phased approach will give parents/guardians time to become familiar with the app before it becomes our main communication tool.

Key Features of MCAS

- **School Announcements** – Receive timely updates for school events, closures, reminders and important notices
- **Progress Reports & Documents** – View your child's academic progress, exam timetables and any current policies
- **Key Events** – Notifications for important events (e.g. parents' evenings, assessments, key deadlines)

Next Steps

- Deregistering and deactivation of our previous SIMS Parent parental engagement app from the 1st January 2027. If you wish, please download any reports sent as these will not be available in the new app.
- You will receive information on how to set up your MCAS account. This will be sent to the email address currently held on our system or via the currently used app. If you wish to check the email currently held, please contact the school office

Please note

- If you have children attending other schools that have not yet moved to the MCAS app, please do not delete the app, as this will ensure you continue to receive information from those schools.
- Email invitation link expires after 24 hours, so please set up your account as soon as possible
- Each link is unique to your child's account. Please do not forward your link to another parent/guardians.
- If your link expires or you do not receive one, please contact the school office
- If you have a child at another school and currently have the MCAS app, once our school move to the new School Management System, your child will appear in MCAS

As we get the system fully set up, some features may initially be unavailable. Additional functionality will be introduced gradually as modules are configured.

Although we will continue to use email and text messaging during the transition, MCAS notifications will become increasingly important. Please ensure that notifications are enabled within the app.

A Parent Guide is available on our school website, https://parkhallintegratedcollege.org/ and has been included with this communication.

Please continue to use Parent Pay for dinner money and trip payments.

If you require support accessing MCAS, please contact us at: info@parkhallintegratedcollege.antrim.ni.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we make this transition to strengthen communication between school and home.

Yours faithfully,



Mr N D Owen
Principal