

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to let you know about an exciting development happening over half term.

We are moving our school management information database to a new company. We have chosen Arbor for a number of reasons. Given the increasing amount of data held in schools and more stringent data regulations, we've chosen a cloud-based system which is much more secure than some other platforms.

Furthermore, we are conscious that we are using a number of different systems to communicate with you, for example, School Gateway, Parents evening Bookings and the SIMs app. Arbor provides a one stop shop for parents with their desktop portal or mobile app. We are sure that you will find this more streamlined approach much easier to manage. Arbor lets you receive the latest messages, register your child for a club or trip, manage all payments and book parent/guardian consultation slots, all from one place. You can also use it to check in on your child's attendance, behaviour & academic progress.

The first stage is to migrate our data from our current provider which will happen during the half term holiday. Once this is complete, we'll be working quickly to get the Parent Portal up and running during the first week of next term.

All current balances held with School Gateway (for dinners or upcoming trips) will be transferred to your new Arbor account. We would ask that you do not make any further payments to School Gateway after Friday 14th February. We will let you know as soon as the Parent Portal is open to make any new payments due.

We will send you further details including parents 'How to Guides' and log in details when we are back to school after half term. Many thanks for your ongoing support during this transition period.

Sebastian Grey

Headteacher