

Dear Parent

At Ark Boulton, we truly believe that it takes a 'whole community to bring up a child'. To do this effectively, our ongoing engagement with parent's is vital if we are to successfully secure the best outcomes for our students.

The influence and support that you as parents have on our students' success is not underestimated. But, for you to be fully empowered to support your child, it is important that you know exactly how your child is doing by having access to regular up to date information. To support you with this, we are excited to be able to introduce the **My Child At School** parent app.

My Child At School (MCAS) will allow you to view in the moment, up to date information on your child's academic progress, attendance and behaviour. Access to this important information is made easy through two options; the MCAS web browser or the MCAS app that can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet. Furthermore, the truly powerful thing about MCAS, is that you will be able to access your child's progress whenever you want.

MCAS will eventually offer you a wide range of information and tools that will ensure you are always up to date with life at Ark Boulton. Initially, you will be able to access the following information through MCAS:

- Attendance
- Punctuality to AM registration
- Behaviour Positive and Negative
- Termly report
- Student timetable

Further to you being able to access key information, MCAS will also become our new method for sharing key announcements with you. This will eventually replace the text messaging service that is currently in use. It is important to state that MCAS will not be a service for you to communicate back to school with in the even that you need to speak with us. Should you need to contact us at the school, please continue to use the usual routes available which is through the school phone number and by emailing the year group support email.

In addition to this letter, you will have received instructions of how to log in to your MCAS account for the first time on your web browser, as well as how to download the app to your device. The service is available for you to access as soon as you log in, so we encourage you to get started as soon as you have read this letter. We have also uploaded our support guide for MCAS to our school website which you can access <u>using this link</u>.

We hope that you find MCAS a welcome and supportive addition as we work even closer together to secure the best outcomes for your child.

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If you require any further support or guidance regarding MCAS, please contact us on 0121 773 8156 or via email on:

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