

“It takes a whole community, to bring up a child”



# Ark Boulton Academy



22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

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.

Last summer we wrote to you to introduce the launch of our **My Child At School (MCAS)** parent app and web browser and I write to you today to explain how the app supports our drive to become a paperless school.

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.

Each academic year, you will receive three End of Term Reports that provides a useful update on your child's performance in school. Prior to this academic year, each report was printed and sent home to you however, moving forward, the report will now **only be available to view through the My Child At School (MCAS)** app and web browser. Sharing your child's report through My Child At School (MCAS) will allow you to view all previous reports as well as giving you the option to download and save the document digitally, which will be especially useful for our year 11 students when they come to complete applications to their chosen colleges.

**Therefore, it's important that you have signed up to MCAS by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, in advance of your child's first end of term report being sent out to you.**

Furthermore, 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 [using this link](#).

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.

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

Year 7 Support - [Year7support@arkboulton.org](mailto:Year7support@arkboulton.org)

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