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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: School Systems Update: Moving to Arbor

We are writing to inform you of an important change to the school's Management Information System (MIS). In line with other schools within our Trust, we will be moving to Arbor, a modern cloud-based MIS. This change will take effect immediately following the October half-term break.

The move to Arbor is an important step in aligning our systems across the Trust and will help us to provide improved services and communication for families. Over time, the new system will enable us to offer a more streamlined and user-friendly experience for parents and carers.

As with any significant system change, there may be a short period of adjustment while staff become familiar with the new platform. Whilst we are working hard to ensure a smooth transition, there may occasionally be delays or minor disruptions to some processes. We would be grateful for your patience and understanding during this time.

Over the course of the next academic year, we will introduce a range of new features for parents and carers, including:

- A new Arbor Parent App
- Online Parents' Evening booking
- Clubs and events booking facilities
- Enhanced communication and access to student information

We will share further information and guidance as these features become available and will ensure that parents and carers are fully supported throughout the transition.

Thank you for your continued support as we make this change. We look forward to introducing these improvements over the coming months.

Yours faithfully,

Mr K Mackey
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher