22 September 2022

Dear families,

We have completed our initial trial of using MCAS (My Child At School) as our key communication tool for Year 7 parents/carers. We have identified that the system does not allow us to communicate in the same way as PA Connect (our current parent app), such as sending home consent forms therefore we have made a decision about the way in which we will communicate with our school community moving forward.

**PA Connect**

PA Connect will be used, as it is in all other year groups, for all key messages, letters and consent forms for all students within the academy. You will shortly receive a text message asking you to download/activate the application. If you experience any difficulties, please email info@dixonsbk.com.

**MCAS (My Child At School)**

We will still use this application moving forward to communicate any assessment and behaviour information to you, so please do not delete the app. We will begin the roll out of this to all other year groups next week and then switch on the behaviour and assessment functions moving forward.

We will in the short term continue to send key messages to allow parents/carers the opportunity to download PA Connect for the next week. From Thursday next week we will stop sending any key messages via MCAS and will switch to PA Connect only.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

**Ms S Roche**

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