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Dear Parent/Carer,

Moving to ARBOR – Management Information System (MIS)

We would like to bring your attention to something new for 2023. From January we will be moving to a new MIS, Arbor. In essence, nothing will change for students, but for you, as parents and carers, there will be a new Parent Portal and our communications will come from Arbor.

Training on the new system has begun for our Academy staff but until the system goes live on 3 January 2023 this training is limited, meaning we will be on a steep learning curve after Christmas. With that in mind, we have made the decision to hold an additional INSET day at the start of January. Therefore, there will now be two INSET days after Christmas: Tuesday 3 January and Wednesday 4 January. Students will return to school on Thursday 5 January 2023.

As part of the process of moving to Arbor, please would you check the current contact details we hold for you and ensure that these are correct.

Once we return to school in January, we will provide information about the new parent portal and how to access it. At this stage the existing Progresso portal will stop being used. We would ask that you bear with us while we establish Arbor set up the new Parent Portal. You may well receive much more communication from us regards your child's life at school and we are aware that this may be overwhelming. We will work with all stakeholders to ensure we find the right balance as quickly as possible.

On another note, as you will know the World Cup is beginning in Qatar with England's first game taking place at 1pm on Monday 21 November. We will ensure that all students who wish to support the national team are able to watch the match. Students who would prefer to continue with their lessons will be able to complete work inline within their normal timetable.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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