

# Winchcombe School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Over the coming months we will be migrating to a new school/parent communication system - the new provider is BromCom. The bulk of the changes will not be effective until September 2021 but after Easter we will be launching the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) module. BromCom is used by schools throughout the country and is highly respected in its field.

The first phase of this transition will require all parents to sign up to the MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] system. MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] is a portal enabling parents to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser. This facility allows exclusive access to the child's Attendance, Assessment and Behaviour whenever the parent/carer wishes. As well as student performance data, the portal also provides general useful information about school such as the Academic Calendar and Announcements.

**Please be aware that the current School Comms system will no longer be available from 19<sup>th</sup> April. All communication will use the new MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] system. Assessment and behaviour will continue to be reported in Go4Schools as it is now and change from September.**

In summary, MyChildAtSchool will eventually provide parents with:

- *Access to real-time Attendance, Assessment and Behavioural data*
- *An insight to parents on their child's schoolwork (homework topics etc.)*
- *Communication facilities to improve contact between parents and schools*
- *Instant access to Published Reports and Letters*
- *Option to purchase Items, join Clubs or book Trips*

You will shortly receive an activation code via a separate email to allow you to set up your MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) account. Once your account is set up we are requesting that all parents download the MCAS app from their preferred app store. This will allow you access to MCAS wherever you are. We strongly recommend that all parents sign up for the app to ease with school communication.

From *Monday 19<sup>th</sup>* April pupil absence will need to be reported preferably via the MCAS system or if this is not possible via phone on **01242 650920 (Option 1)** or email [absence@winchcombeschool.co.uk](mailto:absence@winchcombeschool.co.uk)

Attached are a number of pages from the MCAS parent guide that will be relevant to you in the initial transition. If you have any queries please contact the school office [admin@winchcombeschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@winchcombeschool.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

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