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Dear Parents and Carers,

In our continual drive to improve communication, this year we have introduced a new way to keep in touch via an online system. Class Charts will allow parents and carers to monitor and track their child's **attitude to learning** on a lesson by lesson basis.

We will be sending letters with login details as we return after half term. You will be able to use the new system on any computer, most tablets and phones. Class Charts will allow you to monitor your child's attendance, timetable and any posts about requirements for lessons (ingredients, football boots etc), in addition to the attitude to learning data we collect.

This year we have changed our **attitude to learning grades**, adding a new level 5 for 'Outstanding Learning'. This gives pupils the chance to show how far they have exceeded the teacher's expectations. This has been in response to pupil feedback that there is confusion about what is 'expected' and what is 'good' attitude to learning. Attached is a breakdown of how to achieve each level. The new system will mean that we will no longer be looking at an **average ATL grade** but instead a ratio of positive to negative points. We will continue to report on attitude to learning in our communications with you, but you will be able monitor it and any other recorded behaviour, such as extracurricular participation or break time behaviour. The information on Class Charts will be used to report attitude to learning when we send reports home.

Class Charts provides students with the ability to view rewards. Pupils will be able to earn certificates and badges for their achievements, as well as work towards targets via the app.

Please note that the system will be used to issue and monitor sanctions given to your child, as well as rewards. Where pupils do not meet our expectations, they will be awarded an ATL 2 or ATL 1. They will then usually receive a sanction. Sanctions such as a breaktime detention or an after-school detention will be set within the app, and your child's attendance will be recorded. As parents, you will be able to see this information and ensure that your child attends. Should they fail to attend, the system will automatically issue the next level of sanction.

We will provide you with further information and your login details in the first week after half term.

Yours faithfully



Mr Spurling
Assistant Principal