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Dear Blaise Families,

I am writing to update you on some changes to our daily operations in school, and to inform you of some updates regarding the school site.

Home communication

We have changed our main software system in school and this has necessitated a change to how we communicate with you. This change has occurred across all schools within The Greenshaw Learning Trust. As a result, **Class Charts will no longer be active**. Instead we will now communicate via Bromcom and an app called **MCAS (My Child At School)**. We encourage you to install this app in place of Class Charts at your earliest convenience so that we can keep you informed of school matters as efficiently as possible. Details of how to install the app can be seen [here](#) and we will be sending invitation codes out via email this week. We will continue with our other methods of communication: letters, newsletter, twitter, emails, phone calls and texts, but the MCAS app will be our daily method of communicating positive messages such as green points and Golden tickets, and other important messages such as detentions. Once you have received your invite to MCAS, if you experience any difficulty please email Mr Gillett at gillett@blaisehighschool.co.uk. If you are aware that your email address has changed please inform our Reception staff so that you receive the invite. In the interim parents will be contacted regarding negative behaviours and detentions via text message and email. We have waited until now to inform you of the change as it would have been impossible for you to access MCAS until today.

Improving the site

Over the half term break we have had a number of projects completed. We now have additional canopies in our external areas to improve the environment for students during social times, we have installed new water fountains which fit a bottle underneath them for refilling, and we have had new bike storage hoops installed to create extra capacity. Using these, students should now lock their bikes at the side of the school rather than at the front. Please ensure that your child cycles to school with a helmet and a bike lock.

Improving the environment between lessons

To benefit the whole school community, we have responded to feedback about transitions between lessons; some areas are narrow and become bottlenecks, some areas become overcrowded and impact on the safety of students with reduced mobility, and our one way staircases result in students not always being able to take the most direct route to lessons. In order to improve this, students will now move in a single file when transitioning between lessons. This will not apply at social times. The benefits of this are that we will improve safety by reducing crowding in narrow doorways, 'two way' staircases will enable students to take a more direct route between lessons, and students with reduced mobility and relying on use of the lift will be safer.

Finally, to enable us to better support students who are unable to complete their Sparx Maths homework each week, we are increasing the duration of Sparx detentions from 30 minutes to one hour. This will give sufficient time for students to complete their missed homework with teacher support during the detention.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Harvey
Deputy Headteacher

