Joseph Leckie Academy

Monday 8th July

RE: Introduction to Arbor

Dear Parents / Carers,

During the summer holidays we will be undertaking the vast task of migrating to a new management information system – Arbor. This system, over time, will allow us to bring most of the Academy's data and information for teachers, students and parents onto a single platform, making it easier and more efficient for staff and parents to use.

As you would imagine the transfer of significant amounts of information is taking some time and has will undoubtedly have a few teething problems, which we aim to spend the summer holidays getting right so that we can come in September with a very efficient and consistent system that allows you and your children to access all of the information you need about your child's attendance, assessment and examinations data, school payments and reporting all in one place. From September some of the school systems we use, including SIMs, MyEd and Parent Pay will be phased out and incorporated into Arbor. Class Charts, used for recording and tracking your child's behaviour and attitude to classroom learning will continue to be used, however.

Messages and emails are to parents will be sent from our new system Arbor, after you have set yourself up on the system. Please check your 'Junk Mail' for the first few days to make sure no important communications are missed.

At the time of writing, the Academy site is still being built, but it will be ready to roll out in September. However, in the short term, all parents can sign up for the 'Arbor Parent App' on their mobile devices through the Apple App or Google Play store and set up an account. This can be linked to our Academy site when the final site is completed. There is a brief guide to the Parent App, which can be seen on YouTube at https://youtu.be/kFCuC1NyH5U so that you can see how the App will work. Similarly, once you have signed up for an account you can login on computers at https://login.arbor.sc or at the following link Log in to your School | Arbor.

If you have any questions regarding the new system, please feel free to contact us at the Academy.

Kind Regards,

Joe Greaves
Vice Principal

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