



# BEARWOOD Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## RE: School Communications

As a school, we have been working extremely hard to ensure that our communications reach you in a timely manner and that they are relevant to both you and your child/ren. To aid us with our Communications we have signed up to two products that meet our needs, My Child at School (MCAS) and Marvellous Me (MEE). By ensuring that you have activated your accounts for both of these Apps it has enabled us to Communicate effectively with you, thank you.

The introduction of the MCAS App, was to ensure that we may provide parents and carers with a product that covers all Communications from the School Office on a wide variety of information, all in one place: -

- **School Emails** – the main way we communicate with parents/carers
- **Announcements** – used as a reminder for specific events that are happening in school and provides links to helpful sites like Mental Wellbeing etc.
- **Data Collection** – a facility to update your personal contact details and that of the pupil
- **Parental Consent** – where you can either give consent for the different activities available
- Booking System for **Wrap-Around Childcare** and **Parents Evening**
- **Academic Calendar** (Term Dates and Events)
- **Pupil Attendance** – where you can see your child's attendance that is recorded on our system
- **Products** – where you can purchase items that are relevant to your child (Year 6 – Leaver Hoodies)
- **Clubs** (Operated by the School – not currently including outside providers)
- **Trips**
- **Outstanding Payments** – a record of payments
- **Important Documents** relevant to your child

As you can tell, there is a lot of information available to you via this one App and we hope to add more in the future.

You will notice however, that information relating to your child/ren's learning is not on MCAS, this is provided to you via the only other App that we use in school for Communications, Marvellous Me. We use Marvellous Me purely for short messages and reminders from the Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant, for example 'Please remember PE tomorrow'.



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Marvellous Me is also used to encourage positive behaviours in school and children can be awarded badges of praise through it which we can share with you. Teachers will also share information about celebrating your child/ren's learning with you.

I hope that the Communications you are receiving are helping to keep you informed and that you feel confident in your knowledge as to which App delivers what type of Communication: -

- My Child at School – School Office and general communications
- Marvellous Me – Teacher/Teaching Assistant communications linked to pupil's learning

As always, we are here to help, if you have any questions relating to this communication then please do not hesitate to contact the School Office who will assist you.

Yours Sincerely,

**Mrs Sally Wall**  
**Acting Head Teacher**



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