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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we have moved a large part of our achievement and behaviour communications across to the ClassCharts system since we returned in September 2024. This has been a very successful transition and many parents and students have commented to us that they prefer this form of instant electronic notification.

ClassCharts, however, does not replace the 'ARCK Record' student planner. It is still essential that this is brought to school every day, as students will need this to gain their positive recognition stamps, and we will still be using it to communicate with you about our rules and expectations and any negative phase 3 comments issued.

Firstly, thank you to all our parents/carers who have already engaged with ClassCharts by downloading and logging into and then using the 'ClassCharts for Parents' app. The app is available in all the usual app stores and is free to download and install. The code to link your app to your child(ren)'s profile is available from school and will also be written into their ARCK records again at the start of the new half term. Please see previous communications on our school website about this.

Secondly, I am writing to give you notice that we are amending our system for notification of detentions. Previously detentions have been written into the 'ARCK Record' as part of the notification to students and parents that a detention has been set for the following school day. This will no longer be the case and **detentions will now only be notified via the ClassCharts app making it essential that all parents download and access the app as soon as possible.** Detentions will continue to be set for the following school day giving plenty of notice to parents/carers.

We will also therefore be amending our 'ARCK Record' student planner slightly for the start of half term 2. This will no longer have the detention set column but will still have spaces to record that a detention has been attended on time and completed successfully so parents can check this.

There is also a 'ClassCharts for Students' app and we are encouraging all students to download this to their phones so they can check **after the end of the school day** whether or not they have a detention. To be clear here; mobile phones are still not allowed to be either seen or heard at any point **during** the school day. This is in line with the latest government recommendations and has been the rule at BBEC for many years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents to contact the school office via phone or email with issues or concerns rather than calling your child directly. This often leads to further escalation of behaviour in school as students should not be using their phones in school and these will be confiscated for a period of time if seen or heard at any point.

Yours faithfully

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