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## **HEADTEACHER HEADLINES**

**JULY 2018**

### **SIMS PARENT APP**

From September our current text system will be replaced by a SIMS Parent App, which we will ask you to download so we can keep you updated on Academy news. More details to follow.

The SIMS App will also be used to text parents to inform you of any detentions being issued. We feel this will be a better way to communicate with parents during the day. All subject areas will operate their own detention on a nominated night of the week from Monday to Wednesday and all detentions will run from 2.50-3.20pm.

### **CLASS CHARTS APP TO SHOW BEHAVIOUR, REWARDS AND HOMEWORK INFORMATION**

We will not be using Doodle for homework or IRIS for behaviour information next year. "Class charts" will be used and again, we will be asking parents to download this. This will allow you to see behaviour incidents, reward points and homework set. More details to follow in September. From September Progress Charts will also contain all of the behaviour and reward headlines.

### **MOBILE PHONES AND EAR PIECES**

I would like to start discussions with parents and pupils about reclaiming our 'Academy day' as being free from mobile phones. At present we allow students to use phones pre-school, break, lunch and after school. We intend to continue this in September but would appreciate your views by the end of September on this issue. Please email us on [info@failsworth.coop](mailto:info@failsworth.coop) with a subject of mobile phones to express your view.

From September ear pieces will be banned in the academy at all times of the day. We are also increasing the sanction if a mobile phone is seen or heard in lessons. The phone will be taken and returned on a Friday, unless parents collect it.

### **PARENT PAY**

Many parents have asked us about Parent Pay, and we are hoping to have this in place after the October half term. We are working with our catering company Taylor Shaw to allow parents to put cash onto the system remotely for lunches. We will still have the coin machines in school. In addition, we hope to offer this facility to pay for Academy trips and music lessons via the school shop. We will keep you updated on timescales.

### **'LAST DROP' CHARITY**

From September the academy will support a water charity called 'Last Drop'. We will be organising events to support this worthy cause. Please feel free to take a look at the charity.