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Class Charts

Dear Parent/Carer,

Here at Arena Academy, we are committed to developing a culture of collaborative development, working with our key stakeholders to make continuous improvements to our academy for the benefit of the young people in our care. This culture has led to us establishing a Student Voice, where pupils are regularly encouraged to feed back on the areas of the school that they wish to change or develop, and regular Parent Forums, where parents/carers are invited into school to openly discuss the matters that mean the most to them. It is our objective to work collaboratively with all stakeholders, including pupils, parents/carers, the local community and our governing body, to make Arena Academy the best possible educational setting for your child.

As part of this ongoing process and based on feedback we received from parents regarding home-school communication, we are implementing a new rewards and behaviour management programme called **Class Charts**. We are aware that there are several issues with the SIMS app that we currently use and wish to move towards an app that provides an increased awareness of your child's daily performance in school and ensures a higher level of home-school collaboration. Class Charts will allow you as parents or carers to more closely monitor how your child is engaging in school life. Your child's teachers will log any positive or negative occurrences throughout the school day, and you will be able to track all of this via the Class Charts parent account. You will receive notifications regarding your child's rewards and sanctions, and even lower-level behaviour interventions such as warnings or restorative conversations with staff members. There is also an opportunity for your child to create a Class Charts pupil account, which they can use to track the positives and negatives throughout their school day – we hope that this will help you have reflective conversations with your children at home.

Today, your child has been given an individual access code to enable you to create a parent account with Class Charts. This can be accessed via a web browser; you can also download the Parent App via the Apple App Store or Google Play. Your child has also been given an access code to create their own pupil account, if they wish to do so. If for any reason your child does not pass these details onto you, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance, who can share the parent or pupil access code with you. If you are not able to contact your child's Form Tutor, please contact a member of the pastoral team – I have included their email addresses below, for your reference.



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We will be launching Class Charts with parents and pupils on Monday 10th October, which means that all reward and sanction notifications will move onto Class Charts, instead of SIMS. From Monday 10th October, we will not be sending reflection (detention) notifications out at the end of each school day and will only be using Class Charts to share this information. The notifications will happen in real time, so you will receive an update straight away when a teacher issues your child a reward or sanction – we ask that you enable the notification settings on the app, so that you are aware of when your child may be staying behind to sit an after-school reflection. 30 or 60-minute reflections will take place on the same school day, unless issued during Period 5. 90-minute or 2-hour reflections will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Once Class Charts is launched across our academy, it is likely that we will make small changes as we get accustomed to using the programme. Therefore, we welcome any feedback from yourselves in order to further improve our home-school communication – this can be sent to your child's pastoral team or directly to me via email:

kguest@corearena.academy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, as we continue to work collaboratively to ensure your child achieves their potential and becomes the best version of themselves here at Arena Academy.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Guest

Assistant Headteacher – Behaviour and Attitudes