17 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Introduction of Bromcom Student Data Platform

I am writing to inform you that The Roseland Academy is updating the way we manage student data. For many years, we have used a system called SIMS to store important information such as student contact details, attendance records, behaviour and achievement data, and assessments. Following a thorough procurement process by the Trust, we have decided to replace SIMS with a new, cloud-based platform called Bromcom.

Bromcom is widely used across secondary schools in the UK and serves a similar function to SIMS. We have chosen this platform for its enhanced functionality, which allows us to manage and analyse student data more effectively. This will support us in delivering even better educational outcomes. Bromcom also has a number of additional useful features for the school and parents and carers.

We want to reassure you that your child's personal data will continue to be stored securely and in full compliance with data protection regulations, just as it was with SIMS. While the system we use to manage student information is changing, the type of data we collect and how we use it remains the same - solely for the purpose of managing students' education and the operation of the school.

How Will This Change Affect Parents and Carers?

As you may be aware, The Roseland Academy currently uses several different platforms to communicate with parents and carers and this is not ideal. We use the **School Gateway App** for messaging and payments, as well as **ClassCharts** for behaviour and achievement updates.

From **Monday 21 April 2025**, we will begin using a **new, all-in-one parent app called MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)**. This will become our preferred method of communication and will consolidate everything into one easy-to-use platform.

What is MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)?

MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) is a parent portal that allows you to view your child's academic performance in real time via a web browser or mobile app. Over time, we plan to use the following MCAS features:

✔ **General notifications and messages**
✔ **Pupil details checks and updates**

✔ **Attendance tracking**
✔ **Parent consents**
✔ **Clubs and trips notifications and payments**
✔ **Dinner money payments and balance checks**
✔ **Achievement and behaviour updates (replacing Classcharts)**
✔ **Student reports**

Downloading the App and Logging In

We encourage all parents and carers to download and install the app **as soon as possible**. From **21 April 2025**, app notifications will be our primary method of communication, and all payments will be processed through MCAS as School Gateway will no longer be active.

The app is available for download from the **Google Play Store** or **Apple App Store**—simply search for **"MyChildAtSchool" by Bromcom Computers Plc.**

📱 **Download MCAS for Android:** Google Play Store

📱 **Download MCAS for iPhone:** Apple App Store

By **Monday 24 March**, you will receive an email invitation with instructions to register and log in. This email will be sent to the address you have already provided to the school. If you do not receive it, please contact the Academy to confirm that we have the correct email on file.

Phasing Out ClassCharts

Once we have successfully transitioned to Bromcom and MCAS, **we will phase out ClassCharts before May half-term**. Further details on this transition will be shared after Easter.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we implement these improvements and updates. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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