



The Priory School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware that we have been using ClassCharts this year to communicate various elements of school life between teachers, students and parents. You may not be aware that behind ClassCharts sits another platform called SIMs that is our Management Information System (MIS) and it is what we use to manage all information and data within the school.

Our SIMs licence is ending soon and we are taking the opportunity to switch to another platform called Arbor. I know many of you will be familiar with Arbor as it is being used by a lot of local schools. As well as moving our SIMs operation to Arbor we will also be moving our ClassCharts to Arbor also.

This will help ensure that all our information and communication is consolidated into one platform: Arbor.

Please continue using ClassCharts for the remainder of the Spring Term (up to Friday 8th April) in the same way you have been up to this point.

From Monday 25th April we will be launching Arbor with parents and students. Staff have already been getting used to this platform and we are confident that this transition will be a smooth one.

You will receive further email correspondence before Monday 25th April with details of how you can set up your Arbor parent account but please do not attempt to do anything with Arbor before you receive that email.

We are very pleased and excited about Arbor and we can already see that it is going to be able to do a lot of things that we have not been able to do with SIMs/ClassCharts. It will help improve the way we communicate key information with you about your child and how they are and what opportunities there are for them in school.

I would expect that all your concerns and queries will be easily answered in the Summer Term once Arbor has been launched but if you have anything immediate then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school using the info@tpstrust.co.uk email address as usual.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Tudor
Associate Member of SLT