

Alcester Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

My Child at School App (MCAS)

Please be aware that we have changed our behaviour system from this year and will no longer be using Epraise. Instead, we will communicate all praise and behaviour via the My Child at School app (MCAS). Your child will also have access to a Student Portal app whereby they can view their own behaviour and praise points and other key information relevant to school life. Do please bear with us at the start of this term as we transfer from the old system.

Notification of detentions and other sanctions will also happen via the MCAS app, and we ask that all parents/carers follow the instructions below to ensure access. Once fully established, it is hoped that this new way of working will result in an ever more efficient process. Please be assured that this change does not alter our behaviour policy and/or standards.

Year 7

If you are a year 7 parent, you will have already had a communication about how to download and set up the MCAS app. We will continue to use MCAS for trip payments for year 7 students only at this time. Payments to top up lunch money should be made via the School Gateway app. Further details about the School Gateway are attached.

Year 8-11

We will continue to use the School Gateway to for all trip and lunch payments for students in years 8-11. **A password reset link will be sent to you on Thursday 4th September to enable you to register for MCAS.** Please be aware that this is time sensitive and will expire after 24 hours.

We recommend downloading and using the mobile app from your app store rather than using the browser version if you are using a mobile device. Please see the attached information about registering. If your MCAS link has expired, please email admin@alcesteracademy.org.uk to request a new link.

As ever please do reach out for any support, feedback or clarification- we are keen that this change is as smooth as it can be.

Kind regards

Mr Cooke
Deputy Headteacher

