

Wednesday 1st July 2026

Subject: Important Update – Transition to MCAS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to share an exciting development at BOA Digital Technologies Academy that will streamline how you engage with the Academy.

- From **1st September 2026**, we will be moving away from **ParentPay** for dinner payments and trips and instead using the **MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App** for all payments and key information.
- The migration will be carried out on **Tuesday 4th August 2026 from 8:30am**. From this date, all payments for school meals **must** be paid into the dinner money module in the **MCAS App**.
- We will communicate with all parents as soon as the work is complete to ensure you all have time to add sufficient funds to your child's dinner money account.

What this means for you:

- **Dinner balances** – Any existing balances on ParentPay will be **automatically migrated** to MCAS during the transition.
- **Other balances** – Any remaining funds on ParentPay (for trips or otherwise) will need to be **withdrawn by parents/carers** before the changeover.
- MCAS will also host our online store where parents can purchase uniform items such as a school tie. Other items will be available in the store such as locker keys and student planners.
- We will share guides with you in due course and will also host drop-in sessions at the Academy during the summer period to help you access the App and add funds for your child(ren).

Further improvement – Behaviour monitoring

In addition to this change, we will also be transitioning from ClassCharts to Bromcom for behaviour monitoring. This is part of a wider strategy to:

- **Streamline the Academy's approach** to managing behaviour and student progress
- **Ensure greater consistency** in how information is recorded and shared
- **Simplify access** for parents and carers

As a result of this change, all key information about your child will now be available in one single app – **MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)**.

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Why MCAS:

MCAS is our key communication tool, and this change will further enhance your experience. Through MCAS, you can access:

- Behaviour updates
- Attendance records
- Progress reports
- Clubs and trips information
- Event Booking
- Student timetables
- Important Academy announcements

You can also communicate with the Academy from within MCAS as well as provide parental consents and requests to update the information we hold for you and your child(ren).

We will continue to develop and expand our use of MCAS throughout the next academic year, ensuring it remains a comprehensive and convenient hub for all school-related updates.

Not registered yet?

If you have not already signed up to MCAS, we strongly encourage you to do so as soon as possible, to ensure you are able to add sufficient funds to your child's dinner money balance ahead of the new Academic year. Please follow the instructions provided in the accompanying letter.

We are confident this transition will make managing payments and staying informed easier and more efficient for all families.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Morris', written in a cursive style.

Dr J Morris
Principal