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Dear Parents / Carers,

RE: School Gateway App

I am writing to make you aware that from the beginning of January 2022, Dartford Science and Technology will be using the free "School Gateway" app as the main method of communication with you. "School Gateway" is a home and school communication app, allowing you to read and receive real-time data on your child. This includes:

- Checking contact details, such as names, address, email address and mobile numbers (updates to personal information must still be done via the DSTC main office)
- Checking student details, such as names and medical conditions
- Linking students together if siblings are at DSTC together
- Viewing your child's timetable
- Attendance
- Achievement points
- Behaviour points
- After school detentions
- Academic reports
- Useful links (the school website, DSTC Facebook, ParentPay, Virtual Parents Evenings etc)
- Receiving notifications via the "School Gateway" app rather than a text
- Receiving information quickly and more efficiently than waiting for a letter

The app is available for Android ([*Google Play Store*](#)) and Apple ([*App Store*](#)) mobile phones. You will need to download the app and sign up. This is a very simple process but requires you to ensure you are using the mobile phone number that is registered with DSTC and appears on our SIMS system. Please contact office@dstc.kent.sch.uk to arrange any updates to your personal information that we hold.

Your child is also able to install the app on their phone. This will allow them to access similar data on attendance, achievement points and behaviour points as well as see their daily timetable.

We recommend that you look over the app, download and register today.

It is vital that home-school communication is optimised in order to maintain clear lines of communication at all times. The app's features and efficiency will allow you to significantly improve the quality of live information you receive from school.

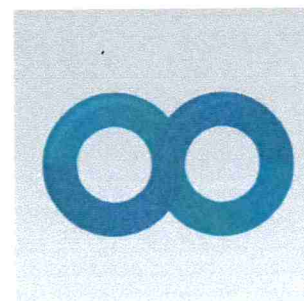
If you do not have a smartphone that allows "School Gateway" to be downloaded, you will still be able to receive emails from us that contain DSTC letters.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Allen".

Mr M Allen

Assistant Vice Principal



The School Gateway App

