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Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to invite you to apply for a username and password for Parent Portal. This is a secure portal which will enable you to access details such as your child's attendance, target and progress grades and reports over the Internet. Although this is a new facility for parents of students at Belper School, it has been successfully used in many other schools around the country.

In order to be able to benefit from Parent Portal, you will need to have access to

- a personal computer
- a reliable, fast internet connection (basic broadband is sufficient)
- a current valid email address (This address will be used in the event that you forget your password)
- a suitable internet browser such as Internet Explorer 6 or higher or Mozilla Firefox 3 or higher for PC users. For Mac users Safari 3 or higher is recommended.

You will be able to access Parent Portal from the school website where you will also find important information and news about the School.

If you would like to become a Parent Portal user please read the attached acceptable use policy and then fully complete the attached application form and return it to the School Office. Once verification checks have been made, we will post usernames and passwords to the home address registered on file along with details of how to access and use Parent Portal.

Please note that each individual requiring access to Parent Portal must have a separate account and complete the form accordingly. If you have more than one child at the school please indicate this on the attached application form and we will ensure that they are all linked to your one username.

If you have any queries about Parent Portal access, please contact myself in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Mark Kazmierczak
Assistant Headteacher

Parent Portal Usage Policy

(To be retained by the applicant/s)

This Policy applies wherever access to the Belper School Parent Portal is provided. This policy applies whenever information is accessed through Parent Portal, whether the computer equipment used is owned by Belper School & Sixth Form Centre or not. The policy applies to all those who make use of Parent Portal.

Objectives

Security

Parent Portal provides a highly secure portal, for access to the School's CMIS database. This policy is intended to minimise security risks as a result of its use by individuals. These risks might affect the integrity of CMIS data, authorised Parent Portal Users and the individuals to which the management system information pertains. In particular these risks arise from:

- The intentional or unintentional disclosure of login credentials to Parent Portal by authorised users.
- The wrongful disclosure of private, sensitive, and confidential information;
- Exposure of Belper School to vicarious liability for information wrongfully disclosed by authorised users

Parent Portal Usage Policy Rules

Belper School Parent Portal is provided for use only by current Belper School governors, members of staff and parents/carers of students enrolled at the School.

Access is granted only on condition that the individual formally agrees to the terms of the acceptable use policy.

A signed copy of the agreement will be held by the school for audit purposes.

Authorising Parent Portal Users

Parents / carers will be invited to apply for access by letter.

Requests for access by parents / carers must be made using the attached Parent Portal Access Request reply slip.

The authorising member of school staff **must** confirm that there is a legitimate entitlement to access information from Parent Portal for student(s) whose names are stated on the Parent Portal Access Request reply slip i.e. the applicant has "parental responsibility".

Once these checks have been made a username will be created.

Usernames will be created only for individuals. There can be no shared access.

Usernames and Passwords will then be available for collection at the school office with valid photo ID or via post to the registered home address.

User guides will be made available electronically via the School website.

Information policy

Information provided through Parent Portal must be accurate and checked regularly to ensure that it is up to date.

Parents / Carers and students will be given access to

- Student timetables
- Attendance data
- Assessment data in the form of Reports/SATs results/Progress and target grades
- Notices
- Additional information as, from time to time, shall be determined by the school

Parent Portal for Parent / Carer Use

Parent Portal is the secure interface through which parents and carers, school staff and governors are able to view news and information about the school. It provides a secure link to the school data management system. Parent Portal can also enable teaching staff, and parents / carers to view personal information such as attendance and assessment data. It is therefore important that this data is kept secure.

Security

This policy is intended to minimise security risks which might arise from:

- The intentional or unintentional disclosure of login credentials to the CMIS Learning Gateway authorised users.
- The wrongful disclosure of private, sensitive, and confidential information; hence exposing the School to liability for information wrongfully disclosed by authorised users.

Data Access

This policy aims to ensure all relevant aspects of the Data Protection Act (1998) and Fair Processing Policy are adhered to.

This policy aims to promote best use of Parent Portal to further the communication and freedom of information between Teachers, Students and Parents / Carers.

Belper School Parent Portal Acceptable Use Policy

This policy applies wherever access to Belper School Parent Portal is provided and whenever information is accessed through Parent Portal, whether the computer equipment used is owned by Belper School or not. The policy applies to all those who make use of Belper School Parent Portal.

Authorised Parent Portal Users

Parent Portal is provided for use only by persons who are legally responsible for student(s) currently attending the school.

Access is granted only on condition that the individual formally agrees to the terms of this policy.

Requests for Access to Parent Portal must be made to the School using the Parent Portal Parent/Carer Access Request slip attached to the letter of invitation.

The applicant(s) must confirm that they have parental responsibility for the child/children whose names are stated on the Parent Portal Access Request slip. This information will be checked against that held in the School's database.

A copy of the application will be held by the school for audit purposes.

Personal Use

Information made available through Parent Portal is confidential and protected by law under the Data Protection Act 1998. To that aim:

- Users must not distribute or disclose any information obtained to any person(s) with the exception of the pupil to which the information relates or to other adults with parental responsibility
- Users should not attempt to access Parent Portal in any environment where the security of the information contained in Parent Portal may be placed at risk e.g. a cybercafé
- It is the user's responsibility to ensure that the data is correct and to notify the School of any errors/changes in circumstance

Password Policy

You must assume personal responsibility for your username and password.

Never use anyone else's username or password.

You must always keep your individual user name and password confidential. These usernames and passwords should **never** be disclosed to anyone. Passwords and user names should never be shared.

Users may be given the right to change the Parent Portal password from the one originally issued by the school. If this is the case the following rules must be followed:

- Passwords must be at least 6 characters (a-z, 0-9) in length
- Passwords must contain at least 1 number / symbol
- Passwords must contain a mix of upper and lowercase letters
- Passwords must not be similar to your own name or username for example: Cutler1

Data Accuracy and Updates

Please be aware that there are fixed points when updated student data and end of year reports are made available to parents/carers. Teachers may update their data or enter draft data throughout the year especially shortly before the deadlines shown below. If you see data recorded that does not appear accurate or is in a draft format it may be that a teacher is part way through an update process. Please check again after the deadlines shown in the Parent Portal noticeboard after logging in or contact the subject teacher directly for clarification.

Questions, Complaints and Appeals

All enquiries about Parent Portal should be sent by email to: info@belperschool.co.uk

Belper School reserves the right to revoke or deny access to Parent Portal of any individual under the following circumstances:

- The validity of parental responsibility is questioned
- Court ruling preventing access to child or family members is issued
- Users found to be in breach of the Parent Portal usage policy

If any child protection concerns are raised or disputes occur the school will revoke access for all parties concerned pending investigation.

Please note: Where Parent Portal access is not available the school will still make information available according to Data Protection Act (1998) law.

Users are liable for any potential misuse of the system and/or breach of the data protection act that may occur as a result of failing to adhere to any of the rules/guidelines listed in this document.

If you agree to the Acceptable User Policy, please complete both sides of the attached application form and return it to the School Office.

We cannot accept applications by phone or via email as we need the original signed copies of the application form before we can issue usernames and passwords.

If you have any initial queries about parental access to Parent Portal please contact Mark Kazmierczak, Assistant Headteacher at the school.

Application for Parent Portal Account

(To be completed in BLOCK CAPITALS and returned to the school office)

The information you provide will be used to process your application for a Parent Portal account. Usernames and passwords will be posted to the home address held on file for each parent/carer.

I agree to using the Parent Portal system in accordance with the Acceptable Use Policy and with the Data Protection Act (1998) & Computer Misuse Act (1990) and will not reveal my Username and/or Passwords to any other person.		
	Parent/Carer 1	Parent/Carer 2
Signed		
Print Name		
Date		

Name(s) of Child(ren) attending Belper School & Sixth Form Centre

Name of child	Tutor Group	Tick if you already have Parent Portal account for this child

Parent/Carer 1

Parent/Carer 2

<p>Forename _____</p> <p>Surname _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Home tel _____</p> <p>Mobile tel _____</p> <p>Email* _____</p>	<p>Forename _____</p> <p>Surname _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Home tel _____</p> <p>Mobile tel _____</p> <p>Email* _____</p>
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I confirm that I have parental responsibility for each of the children named above and that I would like to apply for a user account for Parent Portal

Signed _____ **Signed** _____

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