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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: SIMS Parent App

As you are aware we now use SIMS parent app to communicate with our parents.

We would like to use this to keep an up to date record of your permissions for your child, i.e consent for local walks/visits. This means that we will not need to collect permission for each individual visit, unless it is further afield, requires payment or includes an activity that requires specific permission. It will also include sports fixtures, should your child be chosen to represent the Academy at any point in the future.

In order to update your preferences please do this on the parent app.

You will need to do this for each child separately as follows;

- Choose the child you wish to update details for
- Select Data Collection
- Select Parental Consent

You need to turn on your selected permissions, please do this for all the options you would like to give consent for. The 'No Photograph' option needs to be ticked if you **do not** want your child's photograph taken for use within school or on social media.

You will note a new option '**Biometrics**' that is for you to consent for your child to have their fingerprint taken - or updated due to non use during the Covid restrictions, to allow them to use the canteen facilities should they wish. We will be scanning fingerprints in the dining hall over the coming weeks, students will be advised of the times that this will take place.

We will then update the details on the school SIMS system, and these will remain in place unless you as a parent, choose to change them.

Yours faithfully

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Miss Z Fowler
Operations Officer