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Improving School Communications with IRIS - ParentMail

Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things that really matter is something we care about.

At Cardinal Newman we use ParentMail, a service used by over 6,000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate to parents. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because you can:

- Use a free mobile app on Android and iOS to pick up school messages instantly
- Pay for School trips
- Top up dinner money
- Complete consent forms
- Purchase school ties and maths equipment
- Purchase revision guides
- Book Parents Evening Appointments
- Give consent/permissions and give feedback on surveys.
- Update the School with new phone numbers / email addresses / home addresses and much more!

Registering with ParentMail is very easy! On your child's first day in Year 7, you will be sent either an email and/or text message from ParentMail, when you receive this, please just follow the instructions in the message.

Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we highly recommend you download the IRIS ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for ParentMail IRIS in the App Store.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please visit the help site:

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/> or if you have not received any contact from ParentMail before the end of the summer term please contact the school office.

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF FOR CLASSCHARTS INFORMATION



Improving School Communications with ClassCharts

ClassCharts is an online system which teachers use to track achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. One of the key benefits of using ClassCharts is that we are able to securely share your child's achievements with you and to keep you up to date in real-time. Parents and Carers should also use this app to report their child's absences – step by step instructions using this link: [How-to-Report-an-absence-on-ClassCharts.pdf](#).

Each child has a unique access code which we will issue to you via email in September. Once you have your login details, you will be able to log in here: <https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>

The ClassCharts app is also available to download to your Android or Apple smartphone. If you have more than one child in the school, you can enter additional codes directly into your created account.

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