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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we commence a new term at George Eliot Academy, we are pleased to share with you some exciting updates with regards to Behaviour for Learning. We are currently using Class Charts for homework, which is used by all pupils, we will now use Class Charts for behaviour, where you can track, monitor and support positive and negative behaviour.

As a tool, Class Charts will allow members of staff to log all Merits and De Merits on a secure platform that will do two things – allow pupils who are doing everything right, every day, to be seen, highlighted and celebrated, and pupils who do not follow academy expectations to be held to account. All staff have been trained on the use of Class Charts – it will be used in every lesson, so that pupils receive a consistent diet of expectations.

It is absolutely vital that all parents and carers understand that school is a place to learn — when pupils are in lessons, it is important that their focus is on work, learning and progress. To support staff, pupils and families, we have the Merit and De Merit system which can be found in our behaviour policy which is available on our website.

Finally, to support parents and carers to appreciate the system, and see it in practice, we recommend that all parents and carers download the free Class Charts app which will allow you to see, live, how your child is getting on every day. Hopefully, this will give you the insight into how they are behaving, meaning more informed conversations can happen at home, and with our staff. Once you have downloaded the app you will be asked for a code, please contact the school for further information.

As with all things, the success of these systems will rely upon the support of the three key stakeholders in our pupils success – staff to consistently utilise systems, the pupils to understand the systems and work within them, and parents and carers to support our approach.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucy Havard

