

## **Communication via ParentMail**

We try very hard to keep parents regularly informed about what's going on at the school, however, sending paper letters home can be rather 'hit and miss' with letters often going astray on the way and we are also increasingly aware of the substantial cost and environmental impact associated with the amount of paper and photocopying involved.

To help improve these areas we use a service called ParentMail<sup>®</sup>, which is used by over 2,500 schools across the UK to communicate with parents by email and text message. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because:

- Messages will get to you reliably
- We can send messages directly to mums and dads at the same time
- You will quickly know about important or urgent messages
- We can tell you more about what's going on at the school

Please be assured that ParentMail<sup>®</sup> is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and <u>guarantees</u> that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

## It would be beneficial for you to download the ParentMail App to receive communication effectively. You will be sent an email when your child starts school.

Text messaging will only be used as part of our Emergency Plan – ie if the school was having to close or was not going to be opened.

If you do not have access to a computer or would prefer to continue with paper letters, please write on the back of this form and return to the school so that we don't think you have forgotten to send it back in. This is not a problem, and letters will be sent home as normal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jayne Patrick, School Business Manager