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Social Media and School App

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to let you know that we now have Facebook, Twitter and a new school App. The app can be downloaded for free from either the Apple or Google Play app stores by searching for “**Moor Park School**” and downloading the app that displays our school logo.

The app provides instant access to term dates, events, newsletters, links to our website/Facebook/Twitter, school letters and many more features! You can even submit forms to let us know you have changed your details.

We will also be using the app to send out push notifications. These are messages that are sent directly to all those parents that have downloaded the app. As push notifications are free for us to send this may replace our text messaging service at some point.

To select which groups you receive messages from you will need to visit the messages tab in the app and click the ‘Cog’ icon. From here you can turn the subscription groups relevant to you, on and off. Check back regularly as new groups can be added at any time.

iPhone User Information:

If you own an iPhone, when you download the app for the first time it will ask the following questions.

Location and Push Notifications

1. Offline Caching? Please select **Yes**.
2. Allow access to your location? This is a standard Apple request. We by no means know or have access to anyone’s location but you need to select **Always Allow** in order to receive push notifications from the school.
3. The next message is to then enable push notifications. This is important that you select **NOTIFY ME**.
4. The last message will say “The school would like to send you Notifications” please press **Allow**.

Android User Information:

If you own an Android phone, when you download the app for the first time it could ask you any of the following questions.

Location and Push Notifications

1. Allow access to your location? This is a standard Android request. We by no means know or have access to anyone's location but you need to select **Always Allow** in order to receive push notifications from the school.
2. The next message is to then enable push notifications. This is important that you select **NOTIFY ME**.

On some Android handsets the app requests permission to access the devices contacts, wifi, microphone and photos etc. This permission is required to access the **FUNCTIONS** and not the actual information stored on the device. For example, access to the contact function is needed in order to share the app via text message, WhatsApp or email, as the app then needs to access the contact function to allow it to be shared.

Access to the photos function is needed should you need to upload and return any documents that require a signature to the school.

Please note that neither the school or Parentapps have access to anyone's personal information and it's purely a permission that's needed in order for the app to function properly on an Android device.

These permissions are now becoming more common with a lot of Android apps and the Amazon app used by millions requests these same permissions and a lot more. If anyone has any questions then please feel free to contact the school (admin@moorpark.mp) or Parentapps on info@parentapps.co.uk

Our Facebook details are: MoorParkHS

Our Twitter details are: MoorParkTweets

You can also subscribe to our YouTube Channel, this can be found by searching on YouTube for Moor Park High School and Sixth Form, you can then find our school logo and subscribe to the channel for the latest video updates.

Yours sincerely



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