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Dear Parents,

Firefly – Virtual Learning Platform and Parent Portal

Firefly Virtual Learning Platform is a resource that the Academy uses to share learning resources and information to ensure that our students have all the tools at their disposal for progressive learning in the 21st century. With the information you and your sons and daughters will have access to; supported by the Parent Portal element of Firefly, we are confident this will help develop our successful partnership between parents and school even further.

Your child will have been introduced to Firefly during lessons last week and they can also download the Firefly for Students app available on android and iOS to smartphones and tablets, with the school code TARLETON. You also now have access to the Parent Portal, please find instructions attached on how to access your Firefly account.

Once you get onto Firefly you will find two main sections; the general **home page** and your son/daughter's individual **profile page**.

Available to view on the **home page** are:

- **Announcements & Messages** – information on upcoming school events
- **Parent Calendar** – click to see more events for the year
- **Bookmarks** – pages recommended for parents on current issues
- **Parent Information** – school policies, curriculum information and extra-curricular details
- **Your details** – changes in contact details can be submitted for amendment via this page.
Please note the school will contact you for verification before any changes are made

Available to view on your individual son /daughter's **Profile page** are:

- **Attendance** – Weekly details on am and pm registration
- **Behaviours** - Achievement awards and behaviour incidents. Firefly will display the detail of achievement awards and behaviour incidents, with the total number of points gained for these shown on students' reports.
- **Outstanding tasks** – information on work set, including any attached links or documents
- **Reports** – copies of your child's school reports posted throughout the year
- **Posts, Comments & Edits** made by your son / daughter
- **Timetable** – weekly view of lessons and teachers

Should you have any questions please contact firefly@tarletonacademy.org

Kind regards,

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Head of School

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