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Dear Parent/Carer

Xpressions App - Groupcall

You will be aware that the past fortnight has shown the importance of swift and effective communication with parents and carers. The use of text, the school app, the website and twitter accounts ensures that relevant information can be promptly shared. However, we are looking to introduce a new means of sharing information with parents and carers.

Xpressions is a free service that lets users receive messages from their school and allow parents/carers to get in touch (**for free**) via Xpressions. This is in the form of an app that parents/carers download onto their phone, allowing them to view all messages, emails and text messages from the school in one place.

Setting up an Xpressions account can be achieved in a matter of minutes. It requires only your email and mobile number. **This must be the same as the information that is stored with the school for the app to work properly.** If you have changed your mobile number or have not previously shared your email address, please pass the up to date information to the office as soon as possible.

If you have not returned your child's Data Check form, I would ask that you do so as a matter of urgency. It is essential we have up to date contact details for every child.

The app is available to download from the iOS App Store and Google Play Store. Search for "Groupcall Xpressions".

All users can also access their Xpressions accounts via the website: <https://xpressions.groupcall.com/> from an up to date internet browser. For help and support you can find out all the information regarding this new app on <http://support.groupcall.com/xpressions>.

The app logo should look like this:



It is our intention to move to this app as our main form of communication from the end of September. Please contact the school if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Colligan
Head Teacher