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Nunthorpe School Learning Gateway

Dear Parent/Carer

The introduction of the Learning Gateway is designed to give parents and eventually students access to a wide range of information. Through a link on the school website, parents will initially be able to review a series of information the school holds on their son/daughter.

The information made available through this secure web based environment may include attendance data, timetable access, attainment information, and behaviour & achievement information. Obviously, this means parents can have up to date information, in real time, about their son/daughter's progress and not have to wait for Parent's Evenings. This should improve communication between home and school still further and allow smaller issues to be 'nipped in the bud'.

Initially, parents need to email the school (learninggateway@nunthorpe.co.uk) to **express an interest and provide their names, and the names and Dates of Birth of their children** at the school. Please ensure this data is provided, it is the first security step.

Please understand security of student data is our highest priority and several checks will be made before usernames and passwords are issued. This email account will be used by the Learning Gateway and therefore needs to be your main email account and remain active.

Following a trial by a group of parents in early September/October the final system will begin to be launched to parents during November/December. Various opportunities will be available to parents to come into school or request training, particularly for that first log in experience, when problems may occur, but more importantly to 'show the user' around the system and explain the information on the screen. The system will also be available together with training at each of this year's Parent's Evenings.

Students will also be introduced to the system early in September. Eventually, they too will have a personal log in and access to their own information. Subject specific 'courses' will also be made available through the portal and it will be possible to access a wide variety of learning materials.

As the system is rolled out to parents a number of security checks will be made; it is therefore vitally important that the information the school holds is up to date. The process is as follows:-

- 1) Parent registers interest online through email contact (student details checked on the system).
The email address will be used at a later stage by the Learning Gateway so should be your main/only active email address and must match the one the school currently has recorded in Sims.
- 2) An automatic 'received' email will be generated as a receipt.

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- 3) Parents will receive a Username & Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) electronically and paper copy through the post. This will need completing and returning to school. A mobile phone number is required with this document as the password will be transmitted by text.
- 4) Training materials will be available from the website and parents will be invited to take part in onsite school based training sessions.
- 5) If you require further information or are unable to attend set training sessions. Please contact me at the school tduffill@nunthorpe.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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