



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Dear Parents,

The Friends of Hughenden Primary School (PTA) has signed up to Classlist.com a new online initiative, which is the largest parent to parent comms platform in the UK. It is completely secure and complies with new data protection regulations coming into force this year. It has several fantastic features designed to help make any busy parents life a little bit easier, for example:

- Instant notifications
- Online payments for Friends events (this will be up and running soon and we will let you know once activated)
- The ability for parents to easily and securely contact each other “**But I like WhatsApp.**” I hear you cry - Unlike WhatsApp and Facebook, Classlist is designed to support the entire school community.
- You can use it to post messages to individuals or groups, organise events like children's parties, track RSVP's even hunt down lost property.
- You can create confidential discussion groups, ask questions of other parents and much more
- It has a marketplace section where you can list items you want to sell, are looking for, or just wanting to pass something on that could do someone else a turn, i.e. outgrown school uniform
- A car sharing section: find someone else that lives nearby and make arrangements to share lifts, this in turn helps with road congestion, parking congestion and is more environmentally friendly option.

With all this functionality you can understand why Classlist has been successfully rolled out by PTA's nationwide. Classlist.com has a **free downloadable app** (similar to eschools) As a parent user, the online system enables you to input, manage and update the personal information that you wish to share. You can even keep your own email address private whilst still receiving messages, and seeing information from your class/year group, and of course the Friends PTA. It's totally private, and the school does not upload any information into the site - all information is inputted by parents' themselves.

It's important to note that from January 2018 all Friends PTA communication and event news will be published on Classlist and will be our main platform for communicating to all parents including event news.

Register Now! You can register now by visiting www.classlist.com and entering our school name.

I look forward to welcoming you to our new online parent community.

Kind Regards

Alex Hollman (F.H.P.S Chairperson)