

## **Padgate Academy**

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Dear Parent or Carer

#### Arbor app - Homework and Attitudes to Learning

I am writing in relation to the Academy's Arbor app.

The Arbor app is used as the main route of communication between the academy and parents/carers, which provides information including attendance, homework, behaviour scores and important communications such as letters and academy updates.

If you have not downloaded the app, can we please ask that you do this as a matter of urgency, to ensure you are in receipt of all communications from the academy. There are also further updates to the way we will be communicating homework and attitude to learning scores to you.

You will receive an email with login details. Please see below for tips on how to log into the app.

#### Homework

Supporting students with their homework is crucial to ensure they make the expected progress within their subjects. Homework will be set on the app, which will provide details of the homework, resources required and the set and due dates.

To support your child, we ask that you use the app to monitor homework set and ensure that all work is completed by the due date.

#### **Attitude to Learning scores (AtL)**

The academy has implemented an attitude to learning scoring procedure for all lessons. Each lesson students receive a learning score (1-5) which grades their engagement, effort and overall attitude to learning for that lesson.

AtL	Criteria
1	Follows instructions first time, every time. Displays an exemplary attitude.
	Organised, ready to learn.
	<ul> <li>Engaged with learning and works above and beyond expectations.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Displays resilience in the face of challenges.</li> </ul>
2	Follows instructions first time.
	Organised, ready to learn.
	<ul> <li>Communicate respectfully with staff and peers</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Engaged with learning and works to the best of their ability throughout the lesson.</li> </ul>
	Works with a determined attitude.





3	•	Work produced that does not match the ability of the child.
	•	Failure to work with resilience and determination throughout
	•	Failure to fully engaged with the lesson – passive and disengaged
4	•	Failure to engage in learning
	•	Completes a minimum of work expected
	•	May affect the engagement and attitude of peers
	•	Low level disruption evident
5	•	Refusal to complete work
	•	Refusal to follow teacher instructions
	•	Persistent disruption
	•	One-off serious disruption during the lessons

All students will be automatically awarded a score of 2 in their lessons to start. Students who work hard to exceed expectations will be awarded a 1. Scores of a 3 or below have sanctions attached – you will be notified of these via email.

#### **Accessing Arbor**

Arbor is available on the web via a computer or tablet, or through the app that can be downloaded on the Google Play Store or iOS App Store on mobile or tablet devices. When accessing Arbor from a computer, we recommend using the Google Chrome web browser.

If you have more than one child at Padgate Academy, you'll have access to information for all your children, all from the same login.

This system, which can be accessed via the Arbor website or through the Arbor App, will allow you to do the following things:

- Receive and reply to messages from school free of charge
- Change your phone number, address and contact information
- Give consent for photo, data, medical and other permissions for your child
- See your child's attendance, behaviour and achievement data in real time
- View your child's daily timetable
- Access your child's school reports as they become available

Further information and support videos are available on the academy website, under the parent area. <a href="https://padgateacademy.co.uk/arbor-parent-portal">https://padgateacademy.co.uk/arbor-parent-portal</a>

On behalf of the academy, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Pollard

Director of Studies - Ebacc







# We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App





#### We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

## How to get started

- 1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready you won't be able to log in before
- 2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
- 3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
- 4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
- 5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
- 6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday





