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Dear SGS Forest families,

IRIS Connect – Sharing and building teaching excellence through teacher coaching.

At SGS Forest we are deeply committed to providing the highest quality of education to pupils. In order to do this, we must also provide the best development experiences for our teachers.

As part of this commitment, we are using IRIS Connect, a software for teacher professional development, to ensure that each of our teachers have the opportunity to develop to their full potential. The IRIS Connect platform enables them to record their teaching, reflect upon how they can improve and share this with a coaching colleague who offers feedback and advice.

This approach has been shown to support **teachers in improving their craft as a process of paired coaching and mentoring support. Staff at SGS Forest will be using this software regularly in lessons this year as part of their commitment to provide the highest quality education to pupils.**

IRIS Connect is completely secure, GDPR compliant and encrypted in the same way as your online banking. The videos themselves may only be shared with education professionals approved by the school and are visible to no one else. The videos recorded will only be used to improve teaching and will remain on the IRIS Connect secure servers. As all recordings remain on IRIS Connect secure servers, neither the school nor teaching staff need to seek parental permission in their use of this software.

If you need any further information or if you have any questions regarding this, please contact us.

Yours,

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