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## Communications From IVIA

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has come to our attention that currently, there are several methods of communication from school to families such as emails, hard copy letters, and social media. Having too many forms of communication methods can result in information not being shared as efficiently and effectively as it could be. We want to improve our communication process by having all school information in one place.

To achieve this we are going to implement 'Piota App'. (instructions on how to download the app can be found on the next page.)

Piota App will be where all school letters, flyers, information, messages and newsletters will be uploaded. This means one secure place for parents to access all school communication. The app will also send you an alert when a new message has been posted.

**We will begin sharing school information on the Piota App from Monday 30th September 2024.**

### Key information regarding transition to the app:

- From Monday 30th September 2024, we will no longer email school letters and instead they will be uploaded on to Piota App.
- All parents will need to download the Piota App to their phone or device (see instructions on next page).
- We are gradually moving away from using Facebook. This is because not all parents have social media, or want to use social media and so Piota is more private, and is a secure platform. We will continue to monitor the Facebook group until the end of the half term and will then solely use the Piota App to communicate.
- All learning apps for children will remain in place as normal. This app does not interfere with learning platforms in any way - Piota App is purely for school communications and information sharing.
- Piota App is one-way communication from school to home.
- On occasions, we will still send hard copy letters home as well as uploading the letter to the app, if we have an urgent message to share.

### How can parents contact school?

We want all parents to know that we are on hand to help, support and assist in any way. Parents are always welcome to call the school, speak to staff on the gate or email the school on [viaoffice@theparkfederation.org](mailto:viaoffice@theparkfederation.org)

Please follow the instructions on the next page to download the app to your phone or device.

We look forward to launching this new information-sharing app and believe this will be a better support to families, and will strengthen our communication systems.

If any parent has any issues downloading the app, please do contact the school office and a member of staff will assist.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Abell and Miss Logathas  
Interim Principals



## How to Download the Piota App

### For iPhone:

1. Go to the App Store
2. Type in Piota (it will be the first one with the blue P logo as above)
3. Click install to download the Piota App.
4. Once it is downloaded, open the app and type in Iver village infant Academy. When the app is open click on allow notifications.
5. You can now receive news and alerts from IVIA

### For Android:

1. Go to the Google Play App store. The link is here:  
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.piota.schools>
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