



Dear Parents and Carers

Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay!

Starting in Term 5 we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, along with other school items you can already order online, using the secure service called ParentPay. *Meals must be ordered and PAID for by 9.00am or no meal will be provided.*

You will need to apply for this even if you are eligible for free school meals as this will be the ONLY way to order your child a meal. Teachers will NOT be able to help your child choose their meal in the morning at registration.

ParentPay for lunches will be live at school from the 29TH March 2024 from this date we will be no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores.

We have held regular coffee mornings to support you setting this process up. The next one will be on the 21ST March 2024

Making secure payments online using your credit or debit card

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these, and to keep them safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at other ParentPay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children.

Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date; no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Taking cash by PayPoint

PayPoint payments are recorded by ParentPay and can be seen by logging into your ParentPay account and viewing your payment history online.

Please notify the Finance Office if you wish to use the PayPoint facility. A plastic card will be issued to you to make cash payments for school meals at local PayPoint stores. Each payment card costs £1.50 + VAT, including replacement cards if lost or damaged, and takes about two weeks to arrive. Whilst waiting for your card to arrive, a barcode letter can be issued as an interim measure.

Trip and activity information letters will carry a unique barcode which will allow you to make cash payments at your local PayPoint store.

We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school and reduce the workload on our staff. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank

you.

If you need a unique ParentPay Account activation code please contact the main school office **BEFORE the end of Term 4**

For further information on ParentPay please see the FAQs overleaf or visit www.parentpay.com.

Yours faithfully



Oliver Laken
Head Teacher

ParentPay FAQs

- **When can I log in to my account?**
Once you have received your activation letter from school with your activation login details you will be able to activate your account and start making payments. This letter will be sent to you soon by your school.
- **Which cards can I use?**
ParentPay accepts MasterCard, Visa and American Express credit cards, and Maestro, Switch, Delta, Electron, Solo and Visa debit cards. Some schools may limit the use of credit cards for some transactions; you will be informed by the school directly of any such restrictions.
- **Is it safe to make payments on the internet?**
Yes. ParentPay uses leading technology to process your card transactions securely. All communication with the bank is encrypted and neither ParentPay nor the school have access to your card details.
- **How can I check that it's secure?**
Standard website addresses begin with *http*: the address for a secure site will always begin with *https*. You will also see a padlock at the bottom/top right of the screen on our login page and after you have logged into your account; never enter your card details or personal data on any web page whose address does not start *https*.
- **What about our personal information?**
ParentPay Limited, and its group companies, operate in full compliance with Data Protection Law; Including the Data Protection Act 1998 and the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

The ParentPay Terms and Conditions include a Data Processing Agreement (DPA), compliant with the GDPR, which details both parties' obligations relating to Data Protection.

<https://www.parentpay.com/schools/school-terms-and-conditions/>



The ParentPay Privacy Notice, which is available to end users, provides further information on the processing activities undertaken by ParentPay.
<https://www.parentpay.com/privacy-policy/>

ParentPay will NEVER contact you by phone, email or mail and ask you to divulge confidential information like passwords or card numbers. If you are ever contacted by someone claiming to be from ParentPay, please contact us immediately on 02476 994 820.

- **I do not have a home PC so how can I use ParentPay?**

Why not visit your local library, internet café or see if you can get access to a computer at work. Alternatively ask if you can use your school's computers. Many schools have computers available for parents and will be happy to show you how to use them.

For more information please visit www.parentpay.com

