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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Coming soon: Online payments to school with ParentPay!**

Starting in February we will be introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs etc online, using a secure service called ParentPay.

ParentPay will hopefully be live at school from 1<sup>st</sup> February; from this date we will be working towards 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 at the school office until February half term but after 25<sup>th</sup> February all cash payments must be made using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores.

#### **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.

#### **Using PayPoint for cash payments**

PayPoint cash payments are recorded by ParentPay and can be seen by logging into your ParentPay account and viewing your payment history online. The nearest PayPoint stores to school are The Co-op on Manvers Rd, Tesco Express on High Street, Beighton Convenience Store on West Street, JS mini market on Robin Lane and the local Asda superstore on Beighton Road East.

Please register at the School Office if you wish to continue to pay by cash and use the PayPoint facility. A plastic card will be issued to you to make regular cash payments for school dinners at local PayPoint stores. The first card is free of charge; however, any lost or damaged cards will be charged at £1.50 each. Payment cards take about two weeks to arrive but we can issue a barcode letter as an interim measure.

If you are a registered cash payer with the school office then you can get trip and activity information letters that carry a unique barcode which will allow you to make cash payments at your local PayPoint store.



I know that many of you use Parentpay already for children attending other schools and many of you have been asking for the online payment facility so I hope you will all welcome and support our aim to become a cashless school.

**You should receive your unique ParentPay Account activation details w/c 28<sup>th</sup> January**

For further information on ParentPay please see the FAQs below or visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

Yours faithfully

Mrs Whiteley  
School Manager

## ParentPay - Frequently Asked Questions

- **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 on or after 2<sup>nd</sup> February. 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 computer so how can I use ParentPay?**

Parentpay can be accessed via an app or the internet on your smartphone. Alternatively computers are available at local libraries

**For more information please visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)**