

March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

From September 2017 we are intending to expand on our current system of parent payments into the school and become completely cashless; removing the need to send cash/cheques into school to pay for school dinners, trips, fees and other services, by using our existing ParentPay system. Please be aware, therefore, that the current revalue-machines which students can use to put cash onto their accounts will not be in use from 1 September 2017 meaning that students will no longer be able to use cash to purchase food.

The benefits of the cashless system will include:-

Spending limits – Parents will have the option, if they choose to make use of it, to set a daily spending limit on food. This will ensure that a week's worth of school meal money is not spent in a single day!

Eliminates cash – Money can be loaded onto a student's account at any time and in any amount. Students will no longer be responsible for looking after cash, which will remove many related problems (e.g. money becoming mislaid etc). It will also ensure that money is being spent on its intended purpose, and not in local shops.

A back up system will be put in place so that, in the unlikely event of a student needing to bring cash into school, the school will be able to top up a student's account online. The money can be deposited in an envelope at Student Reception clearly marked with the student's name and the purpose of the funds.

Provides reports on spending – The system will provide a detailed report on what food items have been bought. These reports could be used by parents to confirm whether their child is eating a healthy lunch. They will also provide useful data to the school to tailor menus and plan appropriate food requirements.

For those parents who prefer, cash can be deposited through Paypoint outlets.

If you require a log in or Paypoint card please contact Shelley Burgin either by letter, email sburgin@heanorgate.derbyshire.sch.uk or telephone 01773 716396 ext 255

Yours sincerely

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