ParentPay Bookable Meals Email- Jul 15th 22

SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2022- PLEASE READ!!

Dear Parents/Carers,

When we return to school in September 2022, we will be using the ParentPay booking service to **book and pay for school meals in advance**, for your child.

This applies to every child.

All meals will have to be booked and paid for by parents through ParentPay by 8am on the day of the meal and you can book for approx. 3 months in advance (if you wish.) Please note: (Children in Key Stage 1 (KS1) are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM), so you will only have to pay for meals if your child is in Key Stage 2 (KS2) and you are not entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM). However, you will still need to book meals even if your child has UIFSM or FSM. School meals will cost £2.45 from September 2022.

If you do not book a meal and your child requires one, the default (and only option available) will be pasta (with tomato sauce/cheese) and your child will not be able to choose a different meal option.

In order to be able to pre-book meals, debt on your lunch account must be less than £10, so ParentPay recommends clearing any debts before trying to book.

We are aiming for the transition to bookable meals to be as smooth as possible, but please bear with us if there are any initial teething problems. We are hopeful that this system will work better in the long run for all of our children, parents and staff.

Please take time to read through the attached help sheet for parents and visit the ParentPay website for more help and information. There are also links on the helpsheet. The new menu for September will be sent out next week but this will also be on Parentpay when you book, so you will be able to select from main, vegetarian, jacket potato or pasta options as usual.

The new system should be up and running from the week commencing 1st August, when meals will then become bookable.

If your child is starting in reception in September, your ParentPay login details were sent to you via email on Tuesday 11th July. Please activate your account as soon as possible and contact ParentPay support in the first instance if you have any trouble setting up your account.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Many thanks and best wishes,