

Headteacher: Mrs V Giliker

1st March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers

We have been approached by parents requesting the facility to pay for dinner money on line. The governors of our school have looked at the benefits to parents and the school staff and have agreed to purchase the software package that will allow us to take dinner money payments via the provider Teachers2Parents, who as you will all know run the text message system for our school. This will be a new system for all, but we are reliably informed that many schools are now using these systems and it seems to work well for all involved. We have been assured that the systems are safe and secure and will be managed by school in the usual way. We have been in contact with Audit Services for Derbyshire County Council who have provided us with quidance.

School will have an ongoing record of your payments and should your account fall into arrears for some reason, the system will send out a text or email to alert you to this, but it is important that parents inform school of changes to mobile phone numbers/email addresses as this will affect the smooth running of the system.

Parents will be provided with the details of a mobile / computer friendly website where they can pay directly into their child's account, but don't worry if you are not able to use the electronic system, school will provide you with a bar code system which will allow you to pay over the counter at many points local to our school. Many of you will already be using a similar system for pupils at Buxton Community School.

Children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 will see no difference but if your child does decide to stop taking a Universal Infant Free School Meal then please do advise the administration team here in school.

We are hoping to start this system for dinner money payments after the Easter holiday and if it is successful, hope to roll out the system to incorporate payments for all school trips etc. by the start of September 2017.

For events where a voluntary donation can be made such as dress your best etc. we will still be able to accept cash.

Please do contact school if you have any concerns and we will try to address any fears that you may have but please bear in mind that this is a learning curve for all of us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs V Giliker Headteacher













