



THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

Launch of Corbet Cashless Catering on Wednesday 24th November

Following the introduction of ('Parent Pay') our online payment system earlier this year, I am pleased to announce that the school will launch our Cashless Catering system on Wednesday 24th November.

The Cashless Catering system will be installed at the start of next week, with the first day of live operation on Wednesday 24th.

The system will use finger- print recognition to identify each child, and each pupil will also have a pin number as a back-up. It is also possible for staff to search for a pupil on the system if necessary if they can't remember their pin number. The staff member will be able to see the pupil's photo on the screen to confirm their identity before charging their account.

On Monday 22nd we will be registering all pupils onto the system, so that they can use the catering service when they want to. (After next Wednesday it will not be possible to make purchases in school by cash.)

Parents can put money into the catering account by using 'Parent Pay' which will link with 'Vericool', which is our Cashless Catering System. If you have already registered for Parent Pay you will shortly see the Catering option become available for payment to be received.

If you haven't registered for Parent Pay yet we will send you an activation link before the end of this week, which will enable you to set up your account at www.parentpay.com. This system will be used for most school payments in the future, so it would be good to register even if you don't use the catering service.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, the system will be pre-loaded with the Free School Meal allowance and can be topped up with additional funds if you wish.



Benefits

Pupils will not lose their dinner money.

Parents can pay for meals in advance by making an on-line payment with a credit or debit card for a selected amount.

Payment can also be made by card or cash through stores that display the Pay Point symbol for which we can issue a barcode on request.

(Many post offices and local stores provide this service)

The Parent Pay system is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week making access available outside of school hours.

Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low, by either email or SMS text.

The Break and Lunch service will be quicker, giving pupils more time to eat and socialise

Pupil selections are recorded, and parents can review their child's selections and account balance online.

Planned menu information will be available online.

The introduction of these cashless systems is an exciting time for school, and should provide a better experience for pupils, parents and staff in the future.

It will feel a lot different from our current approach, however I am certain that there will be significant benefits for everyone, which will be well worth the effort.

If you have any questions, please contact me or the finance team on the details below: -

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Thank you for your support

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