

Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Catering Payment Options**

This letter is to inform you of some changes that we are proposing to take effect from February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019.

At present there are a few ways of purchasing meals school.

- Online payments where you add funds via your Parent Pay account.
- Inserting cash in our revaluation machines within the school where money is added to pupil accounts.
- Cheque payments

Parent Pay was introduced in conjunction with the school with the aim over time to become completely cashless moving forward.

After reviewing the current arrangements and the amount of cash being brought into schools, we are now in a position to complete the move to a fully cashless service.

Key drivers for the change to cashless are as follows

- Helps reduce bullying
- Stops the need for money to be brought into school completely and reduces the risk of it being spent elsewhere!
- Parents can track and see where they money has been spent.
- We can reduce the carbon footprint by eliminating the need to collect cash/cheques completely.

Funds are added to the pupil's accounts and a fully biometric system controls the operation.

We would please ask all parents/guardians who haven't already done so to

- Activate your Parent Pay account in order to add funds for pupils to spend

If you would rather use a Pay Point card and top up that way at local shops, post offices we can organise these through Parent Pay.

Please let BAM staff know if this is the case and we will make the necessary arrangements

We would advise using the online account system as this is quicker to use, allows you to track what your child is spending per day, and what your child is buying and can be set up through Parent Pay.

If you have, any queries in relation to this change then please contact us on 01217464099 or 07780004664