



Platt Bridge Community School and Start Well Family Centre
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Dear Parents / Carers

July 2019

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils good luck as they make the transition to high school. We also say goodbye to the following staff, Mr Lees, Mrs Swales and Mrs Burland. We wish them well for the future and thank them for their hard work and commitment to the pupils at Platt Bridge Community School.

Thursday 18th July is our Fun Day in school and children are invited to dress in Wild West themed clothing. Friday 19th July is the last day of term and this will also be a non-uniform day. Parents and members of the community are invited to join us at the end of the school day, as there will be stalls and fun activities.

Holidays - School will close for pupils at 3.30pm on Friday 19th July for the summer break and re-open on Wednesday 4th September at 8.55am. The library will open as normal during the school holidays. There will be a Community Fun Day on Friday 16th August starting at 11.00am until 2.00pm. This will be on the school field and admission is £1 per child. Although we will not be operating a holiday club this year, there are numerous activities planned throughout the summer holidays to keep your children entertained. Please see our website for further information. www.plattbridge.wigan.sch.uk

Dinner Money - All outstanding dinner money must be paid by Friday 19th July.

Although all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Free School Meal Grant, if you are entitled to benefits, you must still register at the Life Centre in order for the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding. We would be grateful if you could do this immediately and if you need any help, we are happy to support you with this process. The school uses this pupil premium funding to fund various activities and resources for your child throughout the year. If you need any assistance regarding this or have any questions, please call in at Reception to speak to us.

Children who are moving from Year 2 to Year 3 are no longer eligible to receive Universal Free School Meals. If you are entitled to benefits, you must make sure that you register at the Life Centre in order for your child to continue to receive free school meals.

For pupils who are in Year 3 to Year 6, the cost of a school meal will remain at £2.15 per day, i.e. £10.75 per week.

From September, the school will be moving to a cashless system and therefore payment can be made by one of the following methods:-

Direct Debit – Money is collected on a monthly basis and a statement is sent out 2 weeks before a payment is due, stating the amount and the date the payment will be taken. To set this up please access your Live Kitchen account. Please see the office if you are having problems setting this up.

Online Card Payment – A card payment can be made through your Live Kitchen account, please log in and select (Account - (Pay by card) where the screen prompts.

Telephone Card Payment – This facility is available between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Please ring 01942 707709. The minimum amount that can be accepted over the phone is £10.

Please note that all dinner money is collected by the catering company directly and not through school.

Cashless School

In an attempt to enhance security, and meet the needs of parents we are encouraging all parents to pay for toast and milk/snacks/music fees etc using our newly introduced Parent Pay system. Once you have registered on the system you will be able to pay for all your children's activities throughout the year. Please find attached a leaflet providing more information.

School Property

Please return all books, games and other items of equipment to school before the end of term.

Thank you

Finally, we would like to thank everyone for their support in the past year and we wish everyone a restful and safe summer break.

Best wishes
Mrs A Howard
Head of School



Newsletter / Website Announcement

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

What are the benefits to our school?

- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school
- Improves school security
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises
- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

How to get started with ParentPay?

We will send you your account activation details. Once you receive these:

- Visit www.parentpay.com
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage
NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment



If you have any questions, please contact the school finance office. For more information, visit www.parentpay.com/parents/