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Dear Parent/Carer

School Meals Payments Interim Arrangements

Introduction

Glasgow City Council is driven to reduce the exposure to cash handling in our establishments and during the academic session 2020/21, we will be introducing an online payment system in our schools for all purchases including trips, concert tickets, uniforms and school meals. However, as Glasgow has a substantial number of establishments, this will take some time to implement across the city.

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, concerns around cash handling have been heightened and therefore, we will be making some changes to our meals payments processes.

Interim Procedures

We will be introducing interim measures to remove cash handling for the payment of school meals.

Please note that the free school meal and breakfast provision will revert to the pre lockdown eligibility criteria. <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/schoolsandlearning>

How payments will be made

From 17 August, schools **will not** accept cash for school meals and breakfasts. Payment will be by BACS transfer only. Payments will be made:

- in advance - parents can pay weekly/monthly/termly (see table of payment rates)
- by BACS transfer
- by the close of business on the Friday, for the following week (the first payment will be due by Friday 14 August)
- using unique reference numbers per child (one for breakfasts and one for lunches)

What this means for parents

You must contact your child's school who will provide you with the unique reference number(s) for your child. These will be provided to you by email for clarity.

When making a payment, you must include your child's reference number. If you do not do so, the payment will not be traceable and cannot be allocated to your child.

Reference Numbers

Each child will have two unique reference numbers. One for breakfast payments and one for lunch payments. Each reference will consist of 13 characters. For example, 123**B**123456789 and 123**L**123456789. If your child only has breakfast or lunch, you will only require the one appropriate reference number. If they have both breakfast and lunch, you will require both.

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Please note that as this is an interim process, you will require to make separate payments for both breakfast and lunch for each child.

Payment Table

Lunches

| Period | No of Days | Cost |
|------------------|------------|---------|
| 1 week | 5 | £9.50 |
| 4 weeks | 20 | £38.00 |
| To October Break | 37 | £70.30 |
| Term 1 | 84 | £159.60 |
| Term 2 | 58 | £110.20 |
| Term 3 | 45 | £85.50 |
| Full Year | 187 | £355.30 |

Breakfasts

| Period | No of Days | Child 1 (£2) | Child 2 + (£1) |
|------------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1 week | 5 | £10 | £5 |
| 4 weeks | 20 | £40 | £20 |
| To October Break | 37 | £74 | £37 |
| Term 1 | 84 | £168 | £84 |
| Term 2 | 58 | £116 | £58 |
| Term 3 | 45 | £90 | £90 |
| Full Year | 187 | £374 | £187 |

Rate = £1.90 per day

Rate = Child 1 £2
Child 2+ £1 per
child

Term 1 17 Aug - 22 Dec inc
To October
Break 17 Aug - 8 Oct inc
Term 2 6 Jan - 1 Apr inc
Term 3 19 Apr - 24 June inc

Please note that we are unable to accept cash for school meals and no refunds will be made for non-attendance.