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Dear Parent/Carer

ParentPay and Healthy Eating

As you are aware, we operate a 'cashless' system in school. This includes the school canteen. Your son/daughter's account can be topped up via ParentPay, and this allows you to monitor both their spending and their purchases at home. Students use their thumbprints or a PIN number to authorise deductions from their accounts.

There are a small number of students who still bring cash to school and who use the ReVal machines within school to top up their accounts on a regular basis. These machines will remain available for the foreseeable future. However, we do encourage parents to use ParentPay to top up their child's accounts, rather than depending on the ReVal machines. This limits the amount of money students have on the school site and eliminates the possibility of students losing cash. It also means that parents can be confident that their child is not purchasing – usually unhealthy – food from other outlets and eating this before school, rather than at the appropriate time.

We are very concerned about a small number of students who arrive at school in the morning with a large amount of unhealthy food. Please remind your son/daughter that items such as fizzy drinks, energy drinks, large bags of crisps, donuts and large bars of chocolate are not to be consumed on the school site. Staff are expected to confiscate such items. Students should also be reminded that consuming 'junk food' before arriving at school is very likely to impact negatively on their learning and behaviour in class. We would be grateful if you could reiterate this message at home.

Yours sincerely,

David Hayes
Assistant Principal (Pastoral)