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Dear parents and carers

ParentPay and dinner money accounts

At the beginning of the academic year, we would like to clarify arrangements around payment of school dinners, as a reminder to years 8 to 11 and to inform families of new year 7s. There are limitations on ParentPay to enable our finance team to control dinner money spends.

Students entitled to Free School Meals	Students not entitled to Free School Meals
FSM allowance is £2.60 and this is to be used at lunchtime for a meal deal (hot or cold) only and not for sundries i.e. cookies	The only debt allowed is one meal deal - £2.60 – students will not be allowed to go into debt for sundries i.e. cookies
Meal deal must be purchased in one transaction, not going back up to the till for pudding	Parents will be contacted the following morning after a debt is accrued to clear the debt or send in a packed lunch
FSM allowance cannot be used at break time	
All students	
Only students who have funds on their account can purchase food at break – students will not be allowed to go into debt at break time, only lunch time.	
If an account is in debt by £2.60 or more the kitchen staff will send students to reception who will call home to clear the debt, before they can be served in the canteen.	

With the growing cost of living crisis being felt both locally and nationally, we are aware that families are facing increasing financial difficulties to make ends meet. To offer some assistance, [you can check online whether your child might be entitled to 'free school meals'](#).

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we'll also receive extra funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

Cost of living

The link has a number of useful resources to help with the current cost of living crisis, including benefit checker, support for mental health, help with money and debt management and energy grants and schemes:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living/cost-of-living.aspx>

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the academy.

Yours sincerely,

KHCA Admin Team