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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my recent letter outlining the changes to Parent Pay and the new MCAS (MyChildAtSchool) system, I trust that you have found the information we sent out useful and have been able to download and access the APP to make use of the new system once we return in September 2024.

Please note that any existing debts on Parent Pay will need to be settled in full before we return in the Autumn term. The facility to pay via Parent Pay will not be available from Friday 26th July 2024. Where possible we would appreciate any debts to be cleared before the end of term on **Thursday 25th July 2024**. Payments can however be paid over the summer break via bank transfer using your child's full name and current year group as the reference. Details below:

Sort Code 30-90-90
Account Number 31325360
Account Name FCAT T/A Armfield Academy
Bank Lloyds Bank

We fully appreciate that the cost of living for many families can be difficult and as such we are more than happy to put a payment plan in place for any parent or carer should you require this facility. In order for this to be put in place please contact the school on the following email finance@armfield.fcat.org.uk with the heading 'payment plan and name of your child' before we break up for the summer break.

If parents or carers have a credit balance, the school will ensure this is transferred to your child's(ren's) new MCAS account.

The new MCAS system will not allow debts to be accrued. Therefore, goods and services will need to be paid for in advance; for example, Breakfast and Afterschool Club Fees, Additional Nursery Fees, Lunches, additional school items or indeed any external trips or visits. If said fees, charges or costs are not paid the goods or services will not be available for your child(ren) to access from September 2024.

We trust parents will understand that school budgets are under incredible pressure at the present time and moving forward we will no longer be able to sustain and allow collective parental debts to accrue.

Yours in partnership,

Mr. M. Kilmurray
Headteacher

