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Dear KS2 Parents/Carers

## **Dinner Money Payments**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents\carers that if you want your child to have a school dinner, this should be paid for in advance. Unfortunately we seem to be in a position where increasingly parents are paying retrospectively for the meals.

As you are aware, meals are provided by Herts Catering Limited, and as a school we are charged for all meals taken by the children, regardless of whether you have paid us or not.

As an Academy our spending is scrutinised not only by REAch2 but also the Education Funding Authority, and as such we cannot continue to subsides the payments of dinners whilst waiting for parents to clear debts.

After half term we will be tightening up our monitoring of dinner money and we will no longer allow children to have a school dinner if they owe the school more than £16.45 which is the equivalent of 8 dinners.

The simplest and quickest way to pay for dinners is via Schoolcomms using the payment screen. The cost of a dinner is  $\pounds 2.35$ , a weeks' worth of dinners is  $\pounds 11.75$ .

If you do not have access to internet facilities, after half term we will have a tablet in the reception area for parents to use to access Schoolcomms.

Whilst writing to you I would also like to advise you that from January 2017 we will no longer be able to take cash\cheque payments for school dinners via the school office, so it is really important if you wish your child to have dinners that if you've not already done so you sign up for schoolcomms.

Yours sincerely

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