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Dear Parents and Carers,

From January 2019 we will be changing the way we control our School Money System in school. Currently the system allows for parents to run up a debt for trips, school lunches and out of school care. When we book trips, invariably we have to pay immediately for coaches and tickets, which means that when payments are not paid in time we as a school have to honour the debt. Going forward when trip letters are sent out there will be a deadline for consent and payment. A courtesy reminder text will be sent the day before the deadline, then if consent and payment has not been received, unfortunately your child will be unable to have a place on the trip. Currently we are spending many man hours chasing up consent and payment, sometimes as late as the morning of the trip. Letters are always sent out in advance in paper form, email, and on the website. For Residentials, payment plans are put in place online a year in advance for ease of payment.

For hot school lunches we will be changing our system and asking that all parents keep their School Money account in credit or at zero. Any accounts running into debit will generate an automatic email to inform you that packed lunches will have to be brought in until accounts are paid.

We are a very small school and we will always be discreet and helpful wherever needed in case of financial difficulty, however we are unable to carry the massive debt that we are currently carrying on the School Money system. This new system will be following other Primary Schools examples in the Crewe and Nantwich area.

All accounts are expected to be brought up to date by the last day of term and we look forward to implementing the new system in the New Year. Thank you in advance for your understanding and support. In case of financial difficulty or if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch in confidence.

Yours sincerely

Mr Goodwin Principal







