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Long Stratton High School Cashless Payments

We are writing to remind you that from 3rd June 2019 the academy will no longer accept cash or cheques from parents/students. Payment of all transactions with the school, including lunch account top ups, will be accepted only via ParentMail.

Going cashless will result in a number of benefits for both parents and school, namely:

- Convenience for parents – no need to write cheques or find cash to send to school; **payments can be made online via smartphone iOS and Android apps, tablets, laptops or computers, using credit card or PayPal, at any time of the day**
- Complete payment solution – all types of purchases can be created in ParentMail, including trips, music lessons, books/revision material, dinner money, clubs, photographs, prom etc.
- Reduced administration – removes the need for handling significant volumes of cash in school and consequential trips to the bank
- Improved control over student monies – payments made by ParentMail will be credited to student accounts immediately and securely and can be seen by both school and parents
- Safety – reduced risk of cash being lost en route to school

If you have not already registered with ParentMail we would greatly appreciate your co-operation and do so as soon as possible; this will ensure a smooth transition to a cashless school environment. An email was sent to all non-registered parents recently, with instructions on how to register and use ParentMail.

We appreciate that not everyone may have access to a suitable electronic device, and therefore we have taken steps to enable parents to come in to school to access their ParentMail account; please visit our school reception team if you require this assistance.

Charity collections, such as non-uniform days, will remain cash based.

If you have questions or concerns regarding any aspect of a cashless school, please do not hesitate to contact the finance team on 01953 602078.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Finance Department