

Parent Pay and School Fees: 2020-2021

25th June 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

In the new academic year, the school will be introducing a more convenient way for parents to pay for school meals, school trips, practical subject fee, school pupil fund and other additional charges that may occur throughout the year. The new way to pay, will be an online secure service known as, 'Parent Pay'.

'Parent Pay' will be 'live' at Sperrin College from the 3rd August 2020, therefore, from this date, we will be working towards a cashless payment system. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash or cheque may do so for now, however, this will be phased out over term one and from Term 2 4th January 2021, the school will unfortunately no longer accept cash or cheque payments.

Making secure payments online using your credit or debit card

'Parent Pay' offers parents the freedom to make payments wherever and whenever they want, safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest security available on the internet. Parents will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password. You will be prompted to change these, and to keep the details safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at another Parent Pay school, you can create one single account login for all your children, regardless of which school they attend.

Making payments is straight forward and Parent Pay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date, no card details are stored in any part of the system. Once you have activated your account you can begin to make online payments.

Standing Orders

Parents may have already set-up a standing order to pay for the pupil fund or the practical subject fee. Please ensure that you cancel any standing orders with your bank, prior to activation of your Parent Pay account.

Making payments by cash or cheque

As stated earlier, Sperrin College will continue to accept cash or cheque until the start of Term 2 ,4th January 2021. If you are not using Parent Pay in Term 1, please make cheques payable to, Sperrin Integrated College. Cash and cheque payments are also recorded in your Parent Pay online account, giving you a record of all payments, you have made to school, regardless of which method you use.

We hope all parents will support the school in achieving our goal to become a "cashless" school.

Parent Pay Account Activation

Parents will receive a unique Parent Pay Account with activation details, when you return your consent confirmation. (This is contained in the Policy Consent reply slip enclosed).

For further information on Parent Pay, please see the FAQs leaflet enclosed or visit the website. www.parentpay.com

School Fees and Charges

In order for the school to fully operate there are a number of charges that all parents are asked to pay. These include:

- **Practical Subject Fee, KS3 and KS4**

There is a charge of £30 (per pupil) for all KS3 pupils and KS4 pupils, if studying, GCSE Technology and Design, Home Economics or OS Construction. This is to allow pupils to participate in practical classes such as Home Economics and Technology and Design. This fee is used to purchase ingredients and materials for pupils to use during practical classes and these cannot be bought without your contribution. This fee **must** be paid before 1st September*. Please note that pupils will not be permitted to participate in practical classes if this fund is not paid.

**Due to the health and safety restrictions imposed by COVID 19, no practical fee will be charged until practical activities resume.*

- **Art and Design Resource Pack, KS3 Only**

Due to the increased hygiene risk associated with Covid 19, all KS3 pupils are required to purchase an Art & Design Resource Pack. This pack will include all the materials needed for this subject. The cost of the pack is £4.

- **Biometric Catering System, New Year 8 intake ONLY**

The school canteen uses a biometric catering system. In order to use the system, there is a one-off registration fee of £5.

- **House Badge**

All Pupils will be issued with a House Badge in the new school year, which should be worn of the lapel of their blazer. A house badge costs £2.

- **Pupil Fund**

The pupil fund is a voluntary contribution of £30 (one child) or £40 (two or more children) which we ask all parents to pay. This fund helps pay for sports team buses, prizes and additional materials for most subject areas.

Overview of Fees

New Year 8		KS3		KS4/5	
Practical Subject Fee:	£30	Practical Subject Fee:	£30	Practical Subject Fee:	£30 (T &D/HE/Construction ONLY)
Pupil Fund:	£30 or £40	Pupil Fund:	£30 or £40	Pupil Fund:	£30 or £40
Art Resource Pack:	£4	Art Resource Pack:	£4	House Badge:	£2
House Badge:	£2	House Badge:	£2		
Biometric Registration:	£5				

Thank you for your support in this matter.

B A Heron
Principal

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