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Dear Parent/Carer

Unfortunately, we have an increasing number of dinner money accounts that remain unpaid in spite of repeated reminders from our very busy office team. School dinners are no different from any other business, in that meals have to be paid for by someone – we would not expect to go to a restaurant and not have to pay for our meal. The school has to cover these debts owed from our own school budget. This means that those parents who do not pay for their children's meals are affecting every child in the school, as these debts have to be met from the school's already limited funding. This situation is not fair and is unsustainable.

We would like to thank the majority of our parents/carers who do pay for their children's meals. However, to ensure that our pupils are not adversely affected by the cost of school meal debts, we have no alternative but to take a 'zero tolerance' approach going forward. Therefore, with immediate effect, if you would like your child to have a school meal, this will have to be paid in advance, so that all dinner money accounts are kept in credit.

In the event that an account has an outstanding balance, which we appreciate could happen through some oversight, we will notify parents and expect the debt to be cleared within 48 hours. If, after this time the amount is still outstanding, your child will need to bring a packed lunch, as we will not be able to provide a full school meal until the debt is cleared. We will contact you on the day to inform you this is happening.

The current cost of a school meal is £2.70 per day or £13.50 per week.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Wilson
Interim Head Teacher

