



Dear Families,

15th June 2026

RE: School lunch balances

We are writing to ask for your support regarding outstanding school meal balances.

Currently, more than 200 pupils have unpaid dinner money accounts. While some balances are relatively small, others exceed £100. Unfortunately, it is not sustainable for the school to continue funding meals and breaktime snacks where payment has not been made, as this places significant pressure on resources that are intended to support our core mission of teaching and learning.

We want to reassure families that no child will ever be left without food. If a lunch account falls into arrears, children will be offered a basic alternative meal to ensure they are able to eat during the school day. However, we are unable to continue providing the full school meal service or breaktime snacks without payment being made.

We recognise that this is a sensitive matter and appreciate that some families may be experiencing financial difficulties. Our intention is not to cause embarrassment or distress to any child. Over the coming week, members of our administration and pastoral teams will be contacting families with outstanding balances to discuss payment arrangements and support where needed.

If you believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to check your eligibility and apply if appropriate. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/free-school-meals>

We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their ParentPay account and ensure that any outstanding lunch money is cleared as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your circumstances confidentially, please contact the school reception team at:

thr-enquiries@consilium-at.com

We also encourage you to speak with your child about school meals and account balances where appropriate and ensure they understand how much money you place on their account before spending it.

Thank you for your understanding, support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. L. Clark,
Principal.

