

St. Bernard's High School

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Dear Parents / Carers

RE: Cashless Catering

When your daughter started at the school there were letters in the starter pack that provided information about our catering provision and how your daughter could purchase food both at break and lunch using our Vericool and Parentpay systems.

Therefore, for many of you it will be quite some time since you have considered the options available and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of them.

Your daughter may purchase food before school, at the breakfast club, at break time where a variety of hot and cold snacks are available and at lunchtime where the offer ranges from salads, sandwiches, pasta pots, jacket potatoes to full cooked meals, deserts and fruit.

To make purchases students access their Vericool account using their fingertip as an algorithm so no cash is handed to the catering staff, it provides privacy to the individual and no one is aware how much, or how little the individual has on the account nor whether they are in receipt of a free school meal.

In your starter pack you were provided with details of your Parentpay account – these can be reissued should you require them. This allows you to make an internet transfer of funds. Money is placed in the catering system through ParentPay – an internet bank transfer allocated to catering. Where a student is entitled to a free school meal the allowance will be available daily. If it is not used it does not accumulate, it is just available for the day. You can add additional funds to the account. The system also allows you to review not only the money that you have paid in but also the purchases that your daughter has made.

At a time when there is intense media coverage on the food we eat and the roles that schools can play in helping to guide young people to make wise, informed choices this information can help you have greater awareness of what your child is eating and allow you to continue those discussions at home.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J L Krone
School Business Manager