

Weekly Bulletin

3 October 2022 - 7 October 2022

Important Dates

10-14 October: Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams

12 October: Year 7 Settling-in Evening & Open Evening (Year 7-10 Pupils Finish at 1:30pm & Year 11 at 2:30pm)

24-28 October: October Half-term | 28 November-9 December: Year 11 Winter Mock Exams

School Office & Telephone Line Opening Hours (Term Time Only)

A polite reminder of our School Office opening hours:

- Monday to Thursday: 8:00am-4:30pm
- Friday: 8:00am-2:00pm

Our phone lines are open during these hours except on a Friday when the lines close at 3pm.

Any confiscated items must be collected on a Friday between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

Early Closure & Open Evening - 12 October 2022

In order to prepare for our annual Open Evening, pupils will finish at the following times on Wednesday 12 October 2022:

- Year 7-10 at 1:30pm
- Year 11 at their normal finishing time of 2:30pm

This will give us time to get ready to show the school off to prospective pupils and their families later that day.

We apologise for the disruption this may cause, but you will appreciate that is important for us to showcase the best of Hodge Hill College in this way.

If you know of friends, family or neighbours with children in Year 6 at primary school, why not mention details of our Open Evening to them? They will be very welcome and will get a chance to look around the school on Wednesday 12 October 2022 3:30pm – 6:30pm.



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COME AND VISIT US AT OUR
OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 12 October 2022
3:30pm-6:30pm

0121 783 7807  www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk



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YEAR 7

SETTLING-IN EVENING

Wednesday 12 October 2022
East Tutor Groups: 3:30pm-5:00pm
West Tutor Groups: 5:00pm-6:30pm

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Settling-in Evening is vital for all parents/carers, pupils, teachers and tutors. The evening will provide tutors with an opportunity to pass on feedback from your child's class teachers, discuss any concerns and advise on suggested steps to secure further improvements.

We place great emphasis on working in partnership with families, therefore, you must take this opportunity to discuss with tutors how your child is performing in relation to their potential and what we can do together to support them.

Your child's tutor will be available to meet with you at the following times:

- 3:30pm to 5:00pm: 7e TG1, 7e TG2, 7e TG3, 7e TG4 & 7e TG5
- 5:00pm to 6:30pm: 7w TG1, 7w TG2, 7w TG3, 7w TG4 & 7w TG5

The meeting will be restricted to 10 minutes to ensure tutors can accommodate all their tutees' parents in the evening.

ParentPay

Cashless Payments

We operate a biometric cashless catering system in school. In addition to school meals, we do not accept cash payments for trips or uniform (ties, badges and hijabs).

Activation

If you are yet to activate your ParentPay account, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like another copy of the activation letter with your username and password, please call us on 0121 783 7807 or send a message via MyEd.

Outstanding Balances

If you have an outstanding balance on ParentPay for your child, we would appreciate if you could arrange for it to be paid immediately by logging into your account.

If you would like assistance with activating your account or adding credit, please visit the School Office between the following times (term-time only) along with your debit card:

- Tuesday to Thursday: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Detentions

Hodge Hill College operates a detention system. If your child is late, misbehaves or doesn't hand in their homework on time, they will be given detention at lunchtime or up to 30 minutes at the end of the day. You will usually get a text or an in-app message on MyEd to inform you. Please ensure your contact details are up to date. For more serious matters, staff can issue an hour's detentions after school without giving parents/carers notice.

Year 11 Autumn Mock Exams

- 10 October: Maths - Paper 1
- 11 October: English
- 12 October: French Listening & Reading
- 13 October: Maths - Paper 2 & French Writing
- 14 October: English - Paper 3

Year 11 After School Tuition

Year 11 after school tuition will run every Thursday from 2:40pm to 3:30pm in the autumn term:

- 8 September: History, Geography & Creative Design
- 15 September: Computer Science & Science
- 22 September: Health and Social Care, French, RE & PE
- 29 September: Maths (East) & English (West)
- 6 October: English (East) & Maths (West)
- 13 October: History, Geography & Creative Design
- 20 October: Computer Science & Science
- 3 November: Maths (East) & English (West)
- 10 November: English (East) & Maths (West)
- 17 November: History, Geography & Creative Design
- 24 November: Health and Social Care, French, RE & PE
- 1 December: Computer Science & Science
- 8 December: Maths

Voi e-Scooters

An increasing number of our students are starting to use Voi e-Scooters to travel to and from school.

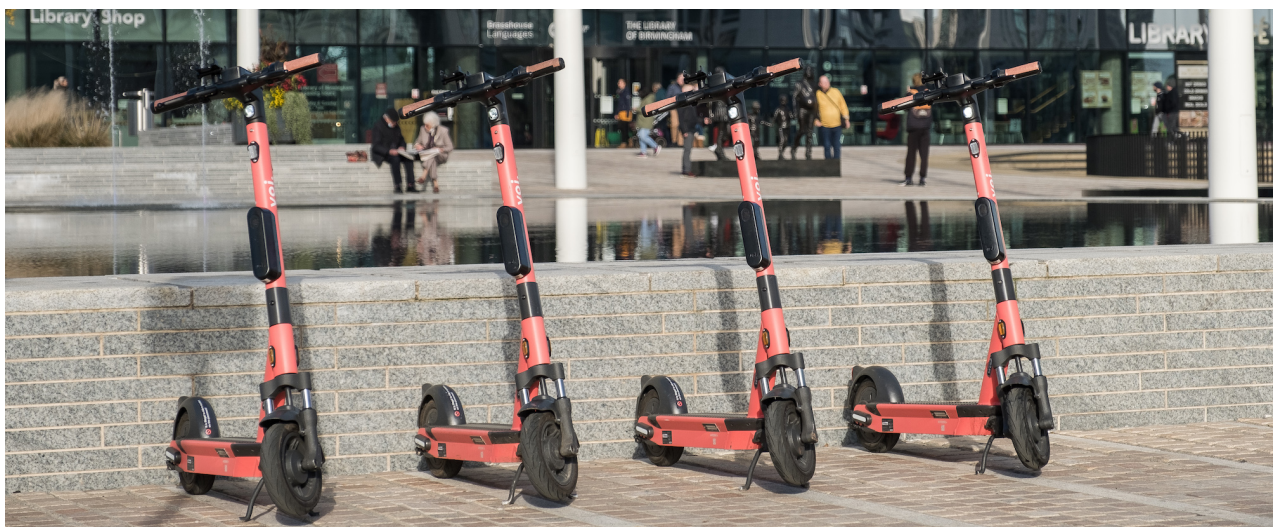
The Voi e-Scooters are those available for rental through the Birmingham City Council trial scheme and are a distinctive red colour (pictured below). They are unlocked via an app on a phone and are intended to be used as an environmentally friendly way to travel about the city.

Riders of Voi e-Scooters must be over 18 years old and have a provisional or full driving license, therefore no pupil at Hodge Hill College should be using one of these to travel to and from school.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20013/roads_travel_and_parking/2484/voi_e-scooters/2

Furthermore, the school is located on an extremely busy road which is heavily congested due to the location of three additional schools on site. We are particularly concerned about the safety of our pupils, should they chose to ride one of these e-scooters, due to the volume of traffic and the dangers of riding them in the road as well as over pedestrian areas.

We trust that we have your full support with ensuring that these are not ridden by under 18s.



Lost Property

Please ensure your child's name and tutor group is on their uniform, PE kit, footwear and bags. This will help us locate and return items if lost and found. If your child has recently lost any items in school, please enquire or visit the School Office.

Please note, any items not claimed are donated to a local charity at the end of each school term.

Medication

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to provide the school with sufficient and up-to-date information about their child's medical needs and be involved in developing and reviewing their child's individual healthcare plan.

If your child has any medical needs or is required to take medication during school hours and you are yet to inform us of them, please visit the School Office to complete a Parental Medical Consent Form and drop off any medication you would like us to keep in school.

If your child has asthma, we advise that they always carry an inhaler on them. Please drop an inhaler at School Office for us to keep in case of emergency and complete the consent form.

Zero Tolerance

Please note that Hodge Hill College operates a zero tolerance policy with regard to verbal and physical aggression.

If you become abusive towards a member of staff, we will need to:

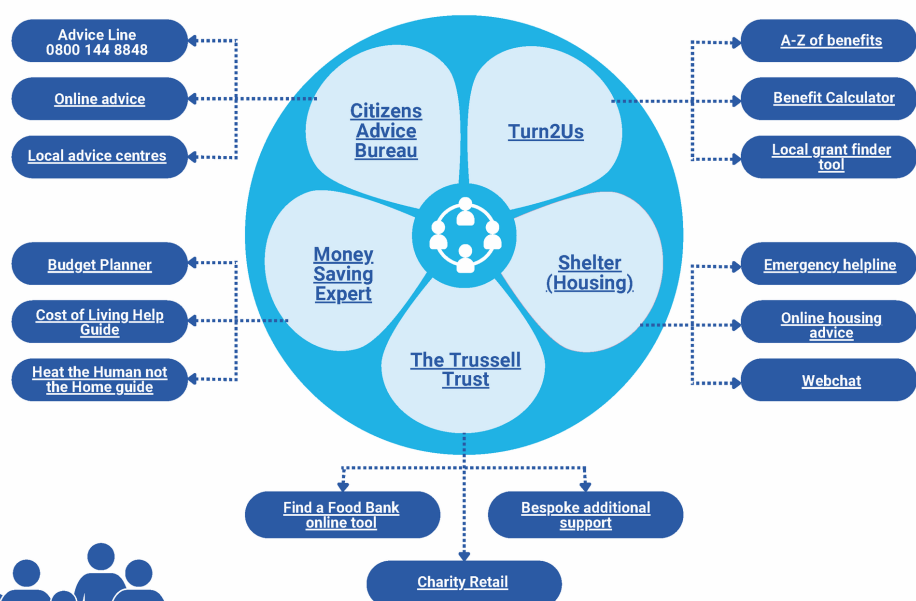
- Close down any conversation and not speak with you any further
- Ask you to leave and come back another time
- If necessary, call the police for assistance

Please be respectful of our staff in the School Office team. They will do their best to help you but in a large school with several buildings, over 150 members of staff, and approximately 1200 pupils, they may not always be able to find out what you want to know or locate a member of staff immediately, so please be patient.

Support with the Cost of Living

SUPPORT WITH THE COST OF LIVING

As we approach a challenging winter, schools are likely to experience an increased demand to signpost to services and organisations that can provide support with the cost of living crisis. The organisations and resources listed here may be useful. Click on the links to find out more.



Next Week's Lunch Menu

Lunch
week 3

All our ingredients are locally sourced and delivered fresh by local suppliers. Our eggs are free-range and Red Lion stamped, our fish is sustainably sourced and MSC approved and our meat is British Red Tractor accredited wherever possible.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL From £1.90	CHICKEN BURGER IN A BUN	CHILLI CON CARNE WITH SALSA & SOUR CREAM	CHICKEN & MUSHROOM PIE	SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN	BATTERED FISH WITH PEAS
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
PLANT BASED / VEGETARIAN From £1.90	VEGETABLE BURGER IN A BUN	QUORN BURRITO WITH SALSA & SOUR CREAM	VEGETABLE LASAGNE	VEGETABLE NOODLES WITH CRISPY VEGETABLES & SOY SAUCE	VEGETARIAN SAUSAGE ROLL
	ALL SERVED WITH SEASONAL VEGETABLES & POTATO OR RICE DISH OF THE DAY				
STREET FOOD FROM £2.35	HOT SPICY CHICKEN PANINI	CHICKEN THIGH BURGER	CHICKEN GOUJONS IN NAAN BREAD	SPICY LAMB WRAP	HOT CHICKEN WRAP
TAKEAWAY TUBS FROM £1.75	Nachos & Cheese				
	FISH FINGER WRAP	SPICY CHICKEN WINGS	CHILLI LOADED WEDGES	PASTA N CHEESE	BBQ WINGS
PIZZA SLICE FROM £1.45	MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA & BBQ CHICKEN	MARGHERITA & HOT CHICKEN	TOMATO, CHILLI, MOZZARELLA HOT MARGHERITA	MARGHERITA & BBQ CHICKEN
JACKETS From 0.95p	TRY OUR DELICIOUS FILLINGS FOR 35p EACH				
DESSERTS 0.95p	STEAMED TREACLE SPONGE	PANCAKE BAR	BANOFFEE PIE	APPLE TURNOVER	ICE CREAM VAN

Meal Deal
 Main Meal
 With Vegetables
 And Dessert

+

 +

£2.40
All Of Our Main Meals, Sandwiches & Desserts Are Freshly Made On Site Every Day

Free School Meals

Who is eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Apply for Free School Meals

We encourage you to apply for Free School Meals through the online service found on our website: www.hodgehill.bham.sch.uk/freeschoolmeals. You can also telephone (0121 783 7807) or come into school and complete a Free School Meals application online with a member of staff if you prefer.

Please make sure you have the National Insurance Number with you for the named person who receives either working tax credit/child tax credit and we will be happy to help.



SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is a photo and video sharing messaging app.
You must be aged 13 or over to use Snapchat

01

Photo & Video Sharing

Photos ('Snaps') and videos can be sent privately between users, or can be posted to a user's story, where they can be viewed for 24 hours. Photos and videos shared privately on Snapchat 'expire' after viewing. Images can be screenshotted, and users receive a notification that this has happened.

02

Messaging

Users can privately message each other using Snapchat's chat function. These expire after viewing, unless the user chooses to save them. Chat messages can be screenshotted, and users receive a notification that this has happened.

03

Snap Map

The Snap Map feature shows your friends your exact location. This function can be turned on for all, off completely (ghost mode), or viewable to select friends only.

04

Our Story

Users can upload snaps to 'Our Story', a shared community collection of location or event based photos and videos. User locations can be seen when they share a snap in Our Story, regardless of location settings. Users can report inappropriate content in Our Story.

05

Filters

Filters are design overlays that you add on top of your Snaps and are a popular feature of Snapchat. Filters enable you to display your location, time, speed, or temperature, add colour tones to your photos or change your face. Users can add their own filters and share them via the Lens Explorer.

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Screenshots

Snapchat's expiring images feature gives some users a false sense of privacy when sending compromising images. However, images & messages can be screenshotted, with users receiving a notification that this has happened.

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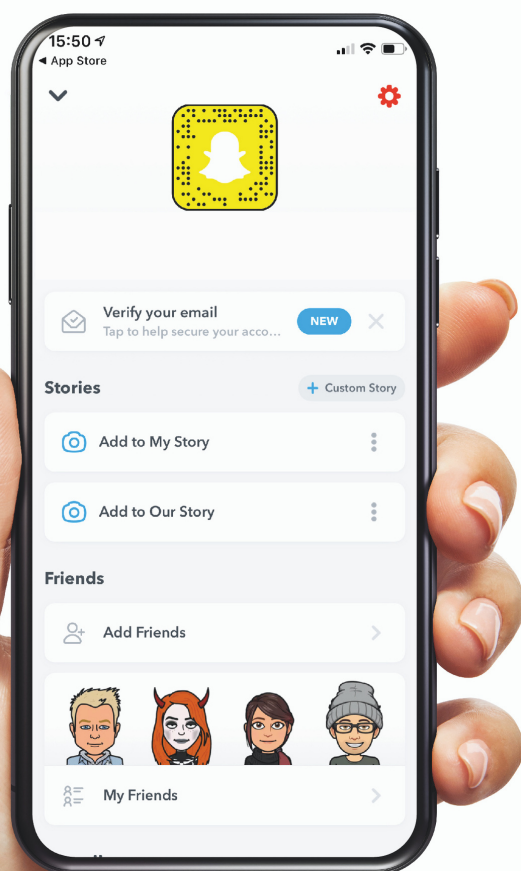
Snapstreaks

When 2 users send snaps back and forth to each other for over 3 consecutive days, they build a 'Snapstreak'. If a user doesn't send a snap within 24 hours, the Snapstreak is broken and resets. Snapchat rewards users who achieve high Snapstreaks, further encouraging daily use of the app.

08

Concerns

Skewed body image ('perfect' selfies, filters). Addiction (reinforced by features such as Snapstreaks). Sexting (sending compromising images and messages, often with the belief they will disappear).



Getting Help:

If social media has left you feeling depressed and anxious, or you have experienced any form of cyberbullying, you can talk to someone at ChildLine, a free confidential 24/7 helpline for children and young people. You can call 0800 1111 or chat online at www.childline.org.uk

(ChildLine is run by the NSPCC.)



Worrying about money?

Support is available in Birmingham



Three steps to find options and places to get help

Step 1: What's the problem?

I suddenly have no money

- Lost job or reduced hours
- Money stopped
- Lost money
- Unexpected expense
- Disaster (e.g. flood or fire)
- Relationship breakdown
- Sanctioned (see option: **5**)

See options **1 2 6**

My money doesn't stretch far enough

- Deciding between food, fuel, and mobile credit
- Low income
- Zero hours contract
- Statutory Sick Pay too low
- Facing redundancy
- Not sure if eligible for support
- Change of circumstance

See option **1 2**

I have debt

- Rent or Council Tax
- Gas and electricity
- Payday loans
- Owe friends or family
- Benefit repayments

See option **3**

I am waiting on a benefit payment or advance

- New claim for benefit
- Payment delayed
- Waiting for decision

See options **1 4**

Step 2: What are some options?

1 Council Support Schemes

People on low incomes may be eligible for **Housing Benefit**, **Council Tax Support** and **Discretionary Housing Payment** from the council. This will depend on your current circumstances. You may also be eligible for a **Council Tax Discretionary Hardship Payment**, **Crisis Grant** or **Community Support Grant Payment**.

Find out more at: www.birmingham.gov.uk/benefits

2 Maximise Your Income

Anyone who is struggling financially can get a benefit check and speak to an advisor for free and confidential advice. A benefit check can ensure that you are receiving all the money you're entitled to, especially if your circumstances have changed recently. Speaking to an advisor could also help you find cheaper deals on things like gas and electricity and make sure you're not missing out on things like school clothing grants or free school meals.

3 Debt Advice

Debt can happen to anyone. Free advice and support can help you find ways to manage your debts and reduce how much you pay each month.

4 Benefit Advance

If you have made a new claim for benefit and are in financial hardship while you wait for your first payment, you may be able to get an advance to afford things like rent or food. It's important to get advice before taking out an advance. Benefit advances must be paid back, and the money will be taken from your future benefit payments (a loan).

5 Hardship Payment

If you have been sanctioned, you may be able to request a hardship payment from the Jobcentre. Hardship payments are not always paid immediately, and they're not available to everyone. Hardship payments of Universal Credit need to be paid back (a loan), but hardship payments of Job Seekers Allowance or Employment Support Allowance do not (not a loan).

6 Challenge a Decision

You can challenge a benefit decision if your benefit has been stopped / sanctioned / reduced / refused or you have been overpaid. Most benefit decisions need to be challenged within one month.

Step 3: Where can I get help? Each of these services offer free and confidential advice

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Advice Service

Advice on benefits, debt, housing and other money-related issues

0121 216 3030

Help with options: 1 2 3 6

CITIZENS ADVICE BIRMINGHAM

Advice on benefits, debt, housing and more

0344 477 1010

enquiries@bcabs.cabnet.org.uk

www.bcabs.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

THE PROJECT

Benefit, debt and housing advice

0121 453 0606

www.theprojectbirmingham.org

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT

(West Birmingham) Advice service on benefits, debt and managing your money

0121 250 0765

money.advice@bsettlement.org.uk

www.birminghamsettlement.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

SPITFIRE SERVICES

Advice on money, benefit, housing and employment issues

0121 747 5932 | info@castlevale.org.uk

www.spitfireservices.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 4 5 6

CENTRAL ENGLAND LAW CENTRE

Advice and representation to challenge a benefit decision, housing entitlement, and access to services incl. social care support

0121 227 6540

enquiries@centralenglandcllc.org.uk

www.centralenglandcllc.org.uk

Help with options: 6

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Advice and advocacy services for disabled people

03030 402 040 | drc@disability.co.uk

www.disability.co.uk

Help with options: 1 2 3 6

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Free, nationwide debt counselling service for people in financial difficulty

0800 328 0006

www.capuk.org

Help with options: 3

WARMER HOMES WEST MIDLANDS

Personalised energy advice service to households struggling to heat their home

0808 196 8298 (option 1)

www.warmerhomesWM.org.uk

Help with options: 1 2 4 6

Other Support

Stop Loan Sharks

Investigates and prosecutes illegal money lenders and provides support for borrowers
0300 555 2222 | www.stoploansharks.co.uk
reportaloanshark@stoploansharks.co.uk

Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP)

Energy and money saving service
0800 060 7567 | support@applyforleap.org.uk
www.applyforleap.org.uk

Age UK Birmingham

Information, advice and helpline services for older people (50+), their families and carers
0121 437 0479 | info@ageukbirmingham.org.uk
www.ageuk.org.uk/birmingham

Birmingham Mind

Providing advice, information and signposting for people affected by mental health issues
0121 262 3555 | help@birminghammind.org
www.birminghammind.org

Other Support

Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid
Support for women and children affected
by domestic violence and abuse
0800 800 0028 | www.bswaid.org

Shelter
Housing advice
0808 800 4444 | england.shelter.org.uk

MoneyHelper
Advice to help improve your finances
0800 138 7777
07701 342 744 (WhatsApp)
www.moneyhelper.org.uk

Step Change
Debt charity offering debt advice
and money management
0800 138 1111 | www.stepchange.org

Turn2Us
Information and financial support
0808 802 2000 | www.turn2us.org.uk
benefits-calculator-2.turn2us.org.uk

The Active Wellbeing Society
Listen and Connect support people to feel
heard, connect with others, be active, live
well and access information
0121 728 7030
listenandconnect@theaws.org
www.theaws.co.uk/listen-connect

Healthy Start Vouchers
To help buy fruit, vegetables and milk if
you're on a low income and pregnant or
have a child under 4.

Apply online: www.healthystart.nhs.uk

For Migrants, Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Central England Law Centre
Accredited immigration and asylum
advice. Legal advice to access services
and financial support
0121 227 6540
enquiries@centralenglandlc.org.uk
www.centralenglandlc.org.uk

ASIRT
Advice on immigration and support options
for people facing destitution because of the
precarity of their immigration status
0121 213 5893 | www.asirt.org.uk

Migrant Help
Asylum helpline available 24/7/365 and
accessible to all asylum seekers in the UK
Asylum helpline: 0808 8010 503
ASCorrespondence@migranthelpuk.org
www.migranthelpuk.org (Webchat available)

The Refugee and Migrant Centre
Advice on immigration, housing &
destitution, welfare & health, employment
& education, resettlement and citizenship
0121 374 0140 | infobham@rmcentre.org.uk
www.rmcentre.org.uk

About this leaflet

This leaflet is based on learning from Scotland's A Menu for Change project and has been developed with support from the organisations below. You can access the 'Worrying About Money?' leaflets online at www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets. The information on this leaflet was last updated on 06/12/21.

Feedback? What did you find useful about this guide? www.bit.ly/moneyadvicefeedback



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Attendance

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Forms

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Timetables

Get regular updates
on timetables.



Key Dates

Important dates the
school needs you to know.



News

Access the latest
school news.



Info Packs

Digital information packs
reduces time, hassle & paper.



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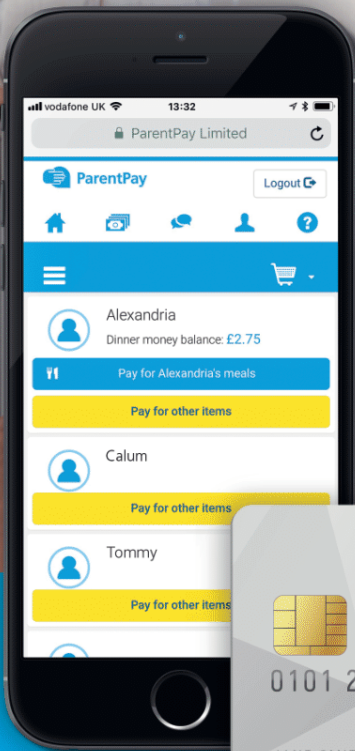
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