



Saturday 26th September, 2020.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week was another exceptionally positive week at school. Learning scores remained impressive as pupils continue to demonstrate their capabilities and commitment to their studies. This was highlighted on Friday as each year group exceeded 300 learning scores of 1, representing excellent learning with pupils exceeding expectations.

Pupils have also demonstrated a wonderfully mature attitude to the wearing of face coverings this week, understanding that this is a requirement that we must all adhere to and I'd like to thank them for their continued appreciation of what is a difficult situation for everyone at school. They haven't allowed the changes to the routines that they are used to or the increased safety measures to impact on their conduct or application to learning, we are all so proud of their efforts in the early part of the year.

We were also thrilled to learn this week that our Maths department have been included in a 10 school shortlist for the Maths Team of the year in the national TES awards. It's also worth noting that they are the only department to represent a school from the North West. Receiving a nomination is an incredible achievement and well deserved recognition for the transformational work that the department have undertaken in the last 5 years to become a department that exceeds national average outcomes. We know how important maths is to the continued success of our young people once they leave Penketh and it's always a positive experience walking around the Maths department during lessons, seeing how much our pupils value the subject and how hard they work in collaboration with staff to achieve positive outcomes.

Our new lunch arrangements went well last week and pupils were pleased to be able to access the canteen to purchase hot food items. The process of pre-ordering food last week really helped us understand more about demand and how the process would work in the absence of the biometric system we usually employ. As of this week pupils don't need to pre-order food and can access the canteen as normal should they wish to purchase lunch.

As stated last week, in order for pupils to have the funds to purchase lunch at school parents will need to top up pupil accounts via Parent Pay and when paying for lunch pupils will be manually looked up in our system up at the point of sale by the canteen staff. If parents have problems accessing their parent pay accounts online please contact your child's year leader.

To keep things simple for now, we have adopted a very simple pricing structure similar to those in local shops and supermarkets based on a meal deal concept. For £2.50, pupils will be able to purchase a main hot item or sandwich and a drink. For £3.00 pupils will be able to purchase a main hot item or sandwich, a drink and a side item such as a cake or packet of crisps. We will not be selling cakes or crisps as individual items but pupils will be able to purchase drinks as stand alone items should they need to.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Carlin.

Principal.

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