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# ST HILDA'S CE HIGH SCHOOL

## **CARD RECOGNITION SYSTEM**

### **CASHLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM**

# **ParentPay**

On arrival at St Hilda's your child will be issued with a plastic swipe card which will be used for a number of services in school. The card will be used as an identity card and to print, to access library resources and to purchase food from the school canteen. Students will also be able to use the biometrics system to purchase food. Each student will be issued with an individual card which will include their photograph.

St Hilda's is completely cashless. This means that all school trips, books and catering in school must be paid for online, via the cashless payment system, ParentPay.

You will receive a letter to activate your parent pay account before your child starts school in **September.** There are many advantages to using this system which are outlined in the ParentPay information sheet overleaf and on its website - www.parentpay.com

An amount of £2.20 per day is credited automatically to the account of students who are entitled to free school meals.



### An introduction to our online payment service

### What does ParentPay do?

- enables you to pay for school meals, trips and other items such as library printing
- offers a highly secure payment site
- gives you a history of all the payments you have made
- allows the merging of accounts if you have more than one child at school
- shows you every item available for payment relating to each of your children
- emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register

# How does ParentPay help you?

- gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like
- stops you having to write cheques or search for cash to send to school
- gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely
- helps with budgeting; payments are immediate there is no waiting for cheques to clear
- payments for many of the larger trips can be made by instalments up to the due date
- ParentPay is quick and easy to use

# How does ParentPay help our school?

- reduces the administrative time spent on banking procedures
- keeps accurate records of payments made to every service for every student
- payments do not bounce
- reduces paper 'waste'
- allows for easy and quick refunds to be made back to the payment card
- improves communication between the school and parents concerning payments
- offers a more efficient payment collection process, reducing the amount of money held on school premises

### How do I get started?

We will send you an activation letter to enable you to setup your ParentPay account. The activation letter will contain a personal activation username and password to enable you to login to ParentPay. During the activation process you will be guided through changing your username and password to something more memorable; you can also merge your accounts if you have more than one child at St Hilda's. www.parentpay.com

## **More information**

More information can be found on the ParentPay website.