

Stoberry Park School



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Dear Parents

I would like to thank those parents who found time to complete our first ever online survey. I hope you found it a very simple process.

The Governors are considering whether a method of making payments to school for a wide range of services would be financially and time efficient for the school.

Some parents who responded also added questions which I hope I am able to answer here.

If you have not responded to the survey you still have time and the more responses we have the better informed we can be in making a decision. Please go to www.stoberryparkschool.com and click on the online survey link on the welcome page.

Queries Raised via Questionnaire

1 Can we pay for uniform on line?

Unfortunately, this will not be possible as the payment would then have to be processed twice and would need to go through our school account. It may be possible to suggest to the Uniform Shop that they look into providing this service if we find it works for us.

2 Could the system be set up via Pay Pal?

We are looking at a specific provider for schools which will help us to ensure that all payments go into the correct accounts and that the payments are allocated to the correct items. Pay pal would just provide us with lump sums which we would then have to reallocate and with lots of items being paid for this could be very difficult and very time consuming.

3 Could we pay for residential trips via the system?

This is an excellent use for the system and records of your payments would be easily traced. It would also give you the ability to print records of your payments. If we buy into this system we would definitely use it for residential trip payments allowing you the ability to make payments as you are ready.



4 Can we make our contribution to visiting theatre companies?

This type of payment can be made but it would be save costs if the donation were added to other payments such as lunches or another trip as there are charges for each transaction. However, these payments could be made via Parent Pay.

5 Could we use child care vouchers to make payments too?

Unfortunately, we are unable to take payment for any school based activities with Childcare vouchers. Child care vouchers can only be used in pre school settings and for out of school hours care such as childminding and after school care clubs.

6 I am unable to make online payments - what will happen?

I am pleased to say that there will be no changes for parents unable to make online payments. You will still be very welcome to come into the office and make your payments using cash or cheque. This will always be offered as an option for making small one off payments and for those parents unable to make use of the online payment service.

I would, once again, like to thank those parents who responded to our request and would urge others to take the opportunity in taking part in making an important decision for the school by completing this very simple questionnaire. If we find that this method of gaining your views is effective we will use the online survey in the future to ensure that parents really do have a voice in moving the school forward.

Thank you for your support in this matter

Michael Hawkins

