

Debt Policy implementation

- A copy of the Debt Policy is available on the school website – www.stannesprimaryschool.co.uk
- All services including school lunches, music tuition, school clubs, trips, etc must be paid for in advance.
- No child should be sent to school with no money on their parentpay account and expect to be given a meal, music lessons or access to school clubs, trips and visitors to school.
- Parents who do not want their child to have a school lunch must provide a healthy packed lunch.


We ask for your full support

We hope that you are in agreement that the school having to chase debts and fund the debts of the minority is unacceptable and we request that every family gives this their full support. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this leaflet, please see Mrs Dadds.


Chargeable Services

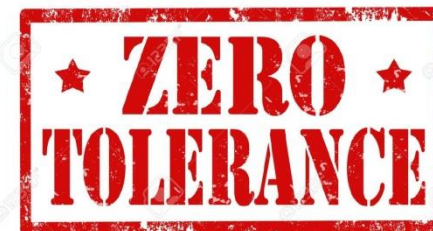
If parents decide to use any of the chargeable services offered by the school and they are not exempt from those charges, parents must pay in advance for child/ren's school lunch, music lessons, school clubs or any other service using Parentpay.

Parentpay

This is an online payment service which we use.  Families are issued with login details, which can be merged so more than one child is on the same login. This works even if the children are in different schools. Permission to attend an educational visit, sports club or have music tuition can also be given via Parentpay.

Paypoint

If parents would prefer to use Paypoint to the online Parentpay service, please contact the office and they will produce a barcoded letter for you to use at a paypoint. 



Zero Tolerance of Debt

Information leaflet for Families



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Why a zero tolerance approach?

The Governors have a responsibility to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to enable the school to receive all income to which it is entitled.

If debts are incurred then the school budget has to pay for them. So funds which should be spent on the education of all our children would be used to pay for the debts incurred by a few parents.

The time and resources used by the Office crew to chase payments, make phone calls, text messages and letters about debts which remain unpaid after their due date are also a large drain on the school budget.

The pressure on the school budget is such that we can no longer tolerate a build of debt, however small it might appear to an individual family. We therefore are having to introduce a payment in advance scheme.

Universal Free School Meals



The Government currently funds the school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – this is called Universal Free School Meals.

Free School Meals

If you think your child might be entitled to Free School Meals whichever year they are in, please download and complete the Free School Meal application form from the school website:

<http://stannesprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/school-dinners/>

Alternatively please ask for an application form in the school office.

To claim free school meals you must receive one of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based job seeker's allowance
- income-related employment and support allowance

- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of state pension credit
- child tax credit: provided you are not entitled to working tax credit (unless four week run on) and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Please claim for Free School Meals even if your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals as the school is given extra funding in the form of a Pupil Premium Grant, which is used to provide additional support within the school. Please take a look at our Pupil Premium information leaflet for more information.

Lunches must be paid for in advance

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will not be provided with a school lunch unless it is paid for in advance or they are entitled to Free School Meals.

If a child orders a school lunch and there is not enough funds on the parentpay account to pay for the meal then the parents will be contacted to make payment or provide a healthy packed lunch for that day.