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Changes to Breakfast Club and School Dinners

As mentioned briefly, following discussions with the local authority there are to be some changes made with the payment structure to school dinners, and the administration and running of the Breakfast Club scheme.

Breakfast Club Changes

Schools in Wrexham that currently run a Breakfast Club have received notification that a number of changes will be implemented after October half term (Monday 5th November).

Black Lane will continue to operate a Breakfast Club but it will consist of different elements. From 08:00-08:25am a daily charge of £1(per pupil) will be in place. The payment will be required upfront via a booking system and will need to be paid online. From 8:25-8:35am pupils will be able to enter free of charge and this is when the 'free breakfast' element will kick in. Children who are in receipt of free school meals will be able to enter free of charge at any time between 8:00-8:35am.

These changes are a result of local authority budget cuts **NOT** school, it is a county wide decision and not a governing body/school one. Some of you may have seen an article on Wrexham.com with all the details of these new changes, however we have not been notified by Wrexham Council yet. We are still in discussions with the council relating to the changes and will keep you updated once we know all the necessary information. In the meantime, myself or Mrs Edwards will be happy to answer any queries with the information we already have.

School Dinners and Payment System

In the near future Wrexham Local Authority are hoping to run an entirely 'cashless' system for the payments of school dinners. Payments for our school are made online at www.wrexham.gov.uk/blacklane
As a school we are leading the way for use and promotion of our online payments. If you wish to start using the system but have misplaced your unique pin/reference please contact Mrs Edwards in the school office.

The local authority has also indicated a tougher stance on the refusal of school meals which enter arrears. School meals should be paid in advance or on the day. Whilst acknowledging there may be rare occasions where payments are forgotten, school is now in a position where we will be forced to refuse school dinners beyond 5 days until the arrears are paid in full. As always Mrs Edwards will send out weekly reminders to parents who are in arrears.

Yours sincerely,

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