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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today with an important update regarding new methods that will be used to pay for your child's meals at Parkside.

### **Arbor Parent App**

In November 2024 we were excited to announce the introduction of the Arbor parent app at Parkside Community School. This app provides parents and carers with a direct and convenient way to engage with their child's education. This includes access to your child's attendance, timetable, behaviour, and rewards information in real-time.

Later this term, we will be phasing out our current ParentPay system, and all payments for your child's meals will be made through the Arbor parent app. More information will be shared in due course but we encourage you to sign up for the app as soon as possible to ensure a seamless transition.

Please use the two links below to access user guides for the Arbor Parent App:

[https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360034515714-What-are-the-Parent-Portal-and-Parent-App#h\\_01H90T7S6TNS7N2D12G6286WZD](https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360034515714-What-are-the-Parent-Portal-and-Parent-App#h_01H90T7S6TNS7N2D12G6286WZD)

<https://arbor-education.com/blog-the-arbor-app-is-here/>

### **Importance of Attendance**

At Parkside Community School, we believe that regular attendance is crucial for your child's academic success and personal development. We are committed to working closely with you to ensure that your child attends school every day, ready to learn and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

Consistent attendance not only supports your child's progress but also helps to build strong relationships within our school community. We kindly request that you make every effort to send your child to school each day, unless they are unwell or there are exceptional circumstances.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's mentor or the school's attendance team. We are here to support you and your family in ensuring that your child is with us every day.

**Reminder of dates for your diary**

- Year 9 Immunisations – 30 January
- Year 11 parents' evening – 30 January
- Year 10 parents' evening – 10 February
- Last day of term – 14 February
- School returns – 24 February
- Year 8 parents' evening – 10 March
- Y10 London Trip – 14 March

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to working with you through the Arbor parent app and to celebrating your child's success at Parkside Community School.

Yours faithfully

Mr Andy Kelly  
Headteacher