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Dear Parent/Carer

## YEAR 7 LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS

We hope that you have had a lovely summer break. We are all looking forward to welcoming your child to South Dartmoor on Wednesday, 8 September for their first day of secondary school.

### ParentPay

I am writing to inform you of the process of how to upload money onto ParentPay so that your child can buy food and drink from our canteen in the first week. As the new starters are not yet set up on the biometric school system, we do advise that the students bring a packed lunch for the first week. However, we have set up a system so that they can use our canteen facilities if they choose to.

Clicking on the following link [ParentPay Shop](#) you will be taken to the portal where you can pay in multiples of £5 for dinner money that your child will be able to access in school. Once you have added the purchase to your basket, you continue to the payment page where you will be able to input the name and tutor group of your child before purchasing. On payment for the food in school, the children will need to give their name so that the right amount can be deducted from their individual dinner money balance.

Once the Year 7s are registered on to the biometric school system on their first days, we will be able to send you activation letters with the relevant password so that you can then log in and upload money for the rest of the academic year.

If you and your family are eligible for Free School Meals, your child will be provided with lunch from the canteen if they would like one.

### Request for photos

In addition to this, it would be fantastic if any parents/carers would be willing to send through any photos of our new Year 7s trying on their new school uniform or outside their home on the first day. This is a special moment for them and we would love to show them these pictures in assembly as we talk about new beginnings and the exciting opportunities that await. It will also be great to look back at these at the end of the year to celebrate how far they have come and grown. If you would like to send some in, please email them to [transition@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk](mailto:transition@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk).

Many thanks

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