

# Dawlish Community College

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14<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Becoming a Cashless School**

The leadership team and governing body have decided that from the start of the new school year, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Dawlish Community College will become a cashless school with all monies owed to be paid via your ParentMail account by card or PayPal.

We have taken the decision to eliminate cash and cheques from school to save our support staff countless hours of collecting and banking money and allow them more time to concentrate on what matters in school – providing services that support our students. If you do not want to make online payments from September 2017, you can contact the school Finance Office who will generate a barcode to take to a local PayPoint to top-up your account.

**The only exception to this decision will be for Year 7 students starting in the new academic year who will be allowed to pay by cash or cheque until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September because their online account will not be set up.**

Dawlish Community College has been using ParentMail as a payment and communication system since 2012 and the technology has come a long way since those early days. In the last 18 months we have added online pupil absence reporting and the parents evening booking system. Downloading the ParentMail app to your Smartphone, or using the desktop version via the website, means you can easily pick up school messages or make payments for school trips or school meals.

If you have not yet registered for ParentMail please email [parentmail@dawlish.devon.sch.uk](mailto:parentmail@dawlish.devon.sch.uk) by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July and a link will be sent to you.

If you have any issues or queries with the process please contact Mrs C Medland, Business Manager, via [office@dawlish.devon.sch.uk](mailto:office@dawlish.devon.sch.uk) or telephone 01626 862318.

Yours sincerely

**John Simon  
Principal**