



Blackwood Comprehensive School
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Dear Parents and Carers

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Canteen Update

I hope you are all well.

I wrote to you last week to share the news that we plan to reopen our on-site catering provision after half term, on Monday 2nd November. As I stated, the menu choices will be significantly reduced and will consist of just three 'grab and go' options: a pasta pot, a Panini or a baguette. If Years 7, 8 and 9 require access to this provision, they will need to pre-order their food the week before. The form for this has already been sent out via Parentmail. Years 10 and 11 do not have to pre-order their food.

In order to minimise risk, to access this interim provision, parents and carers of all year groups will need to put money on their child's card on-line. Pupils will not be able to use our biometric fingerprint system in the current situation. If you have not paid on line before, you will need to register with **UPAY** using this link <https://www.upay.co.uk/app/> After you have registered, follow the instructions to set up an account. For years 8 to 11, pupils' user/card ID will be the same as last year. Year 7 pupils were issued with this, along with other canteen information, while they were in Year 6 of their primary school.

A reminder that the provision will run in two different ways, depending on pupils' year groups: years 10 and 11 will go to the canteen to get their grab and go bag, and canteen staff will deliver the bags to years 7, 8 and 9 in their breakout areas. Years 7, 8 and 10 will have access to this provision during Break 1 and years 9 and 11 during Break 2.

We will be trialling this system on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October and will tweak it as necessary.

Thank you for you continued support.

Take care
Kind regards

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Headteacher/Pennaeth