

# The New ParentPay for Parents

# Guide to new interface and features

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# The NEW ParentPay for parents

Following extensive customer research and independent usability studies we have developed a fresh, simple user-friendly site for the new ParentPay application.

#### Your home page

The logos of all schools your children attend will be visible at the top of the screen; clicking on a school logo allows you to view that school's individual ParentPay welcome page.

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Home	Pay for items	Make bookings	Transaction history	Menus & choices	Communications	
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The top right of your home page will display your name (entered when you activated your account) and your username. You will also be able to use the quick links in this area to:

- View/edit your profile
- Logout
- Basket: add, edit and view items in your basket before proceeding to 'Checkout'

The **'Overview'** area of the page displays an overview of your children - if you have already added all your children to a single account you will also see tabs for your other children, clicking on these tabs shows information specific to that child. If you have not already created a single account for all your children using ParentPay and want to find out how to do so please goto the section: 'Single account / login for all your children'



In addition, you'll see another tab on the right side of your home page **'Add a child'** – this is where you'll go to add more children to your account providing the school they attend is a ParentPay school.

A Overview	Dan	Nathaniel	Rachael	April	Christine	Add a chi
M Overview	Dan	Nathaniel	Rachael	April	Christine	Add

Overview>Items due for payment: Payment items across all your children.

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Pay for items	<u> </u>		Meadow Prim				Dan	£9.75	Add to basket
Make bookings	0	booking service - Pupils, Bal: £-4.00							
/iew transaction history	28 Oct 2011	Autur	Autumn Term 2011 Music Tuition Fees			April	£0.00	Add to basket	
	12 Nov 2011	Visit t	o the Woodlan	ds Centre			Rachael	£6.00	🐴 Add to basket
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View communications	26 Nov 2011	Christ	mas School Pa	irty 2011			Dan	£5.00	Add to basket
View / edit profile	01 Dec 2011	Ticket	s for the scho	ol pantomime -	Decemb	er 16th	Pamela	£0.00	Add to basket
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Search help topics	08 Feb 2012	£5	.00 Card	Spring Te	er		07 Dec 2011	Sent message - Qu	estion about payment
Take the tour	08 Feb 2012		.00 Card	Spring Te	-		28 Nov 2011	Edit manager O	estion about payment

**Recent payments:** A breakdown of the most recent payments you have made across all of your children.

**Alerts & Communications:** A list of the most recent messages across all your children that you have received from your child/children's schools or those you've sent to school from within ParentPay and any automated alerts you have received.

The left side of your screen has clear, concise 'I want to...' navigation and a 'ParentPay support' area should you need any assistance.



# Account Activation & Single Account / login

In addition to a new look and feel one of the key features we've introduced is the ability for parents with children at different schools to add up to six children to a single account regardless of which school their children attend (providing those schools subscribe to ParentPay). This means parents will only ever have to remember one username and password to use ParentPay. **Here's how:** 

#### Existing parent user – creating a single account / login

**IMPORTANT:** you must log out of all your ParentPay accounts before you start.

Choose one account to 'add' the rest of your accounts to. This will become your single account / login for all your children in future; the username and password for this account will become the 'only' set of account login details you use in future.

- Go to <u>www.parentpay.com</u>
- Login to the account you wish to have as your future login for all children/schools



**Next:** Go to the <u>'Adding children to your single account/login'</u> section below for information on how to 'add children' to your account.

#### New parent user

If you have more than one child at the same school or children at different schools that use ParentPay and have been provided with a username and password for those children, choose one child's details to activate your account.

Go to www.parentpay.com

Enter the username and password you have received for one of your children in the account login area.

Click Activate.



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Next: See the 'Adding children to your single account/login' section below for information on how to 'add children' to your account.

#### Adding children to your single account/login

Click on Add a child

👔 Items due	for payment					
Due date	Item descrip	otion		Name	Amount	
÷.	Dinner money for The Denewood Community School			Rachael	£0.00	Add to basket
	Dinner money School	for The Denewood Co	ommunity	April	£0.00	Add to basket
-	SMS Text Aler	ts		Pamela	£0.00	🚔 Add to basket
12 Nov 2011	Visit to the Wo	odlands Centre		Rachael	£6.00	🚔 Add to basket
12 Nov 2011	Visit to the Wo	odlands Centre		April	£6.00	Add to basket
28 Oct 2011	Autumn Term	2011 Music Tuition Fee	es	April	£0.00	🐴 Add to basket

- Enter the username and password for your other child
- Click Search

The school, pupil name, year group and class will show on screen.



Adding from account: r2etqluz (paris Foster)

School	Pupil	Year	Reg. group
Sunnyside School	Nathaniel Norman	1	1DC
Add child to your ac	count		Cancel

After you confirm the add, these pupils will be transferred to the account you are logged into and the old account will be disabled.

Click **Add child to your account** to confirm this is the child you wish to add to your account. You can repeat the above process to add more children to your account.

You will then be directed back to your home page which will have changed slightly.



### Making changes to your account

#### Changing your username and/or password

If at any time you want/need to change your username or password you can do so as follows:

Go to the 'I want to...' area of your home page View/edit profile>Your details

I want to	Your details - Edit login credentials
Go to homepage	Please confirm your password to make changes to your login details Confirm existing password:
📳 Pay for items 🛛 🤇	Change username:
Make bookings	parent22
View transaction history	Your password must contain between 6 and 30 characters and contain at least one letter and one number. Passwords are case sensitive. <sup>(a)</sup> To leave your password unchanged, leave both new password boxes blank.
View menus & choices	Change password:
View communications	Re-enter password:
View / edit profile	Your currently stored secret answer is not displayed for security reasons. To leave your secret question unchanged, leave the answer box blank. Change secret question:
Your details	Who was your favourte teacher?
	Secret answer:
	Save

First, you'll need to confirm your existing password – then you can make any changes required.

Don't forget to click Save.

#### Managing your phone numbers and email addresses

Providing your mobile number in ParentPay not only allows your school/s to send you SMS text message communications but also allows you to opt in to receiving our automated SMS text alerts for things such as a low dinner money balance for your child/each of your children.



Automated text message alerts that you request are payable by you at 0.06p per message sent.

Text messages sent to you from your child's school are at NO charge to you.

#### Entering your mobile number

Go to the 'I want to...' area of your home page View/edit profile>Phones & Emails

I want to	Phones & emails
Go to homepage	Phone number
Pay for items	Phone: Not supplied
Make bookings	
View transaction history	Mobile numbers
View menus & choices	Main mobile phone: 000000000000000000000000000000000000
View communications	Add or edit mobile numbers     Click here if you have received a mobile registration PIN     View a statement of your ParentPav text balance
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Your details Phones & emails	000000000000 (Registered)
	000000000000 Resend registration PIN           Only your main mobile number is used for your automated text alerts using alerts.
	All mobile numbers are visible to the school manager. They may send you texts using the ParentPay Communicate Centre™.

- Phone number: your home, office or other number
- Mobile numbers: this area contains your 'main mobile number' this will be the number your school uses to send you SMS text messages and will also be the mobile number that any automated alerts you request are sent to.

When you provide your mobile number you will automatically receive a registration PIN in order to 'register' your mobile – If you do not 'register' your mobile you will be unable to receive automated SMS text alerts from ParentPay.

You do not need to 'register' your mobile number in order for your child/children's' school to send you SMS text messages.



#### Three easy steps to enable automated SMS text alerts in your account

#### Step 1: Registering your mobile number

If you wish to subscribe to our automated SMS text alerts and you have received your registration PIN, you must log back into your ParentPay account, go to the 'I want to...' area View/edit profile>Phones & emails and click on the <u>Click here if</u> you have received a mobile registration PIN link to register your mobile. Your registration PIN is valid for 7 days.

#### Step 2: Top up your SMS text balance

Automated SMS text alerts that you request are paid for by you at a charge of 0.06p per message sent – as such you must ensure that you maintain a SMS text balance of at least £2.40.

Topping up is easy, simply go to **Pay for items** via **the 'I want to...'** area of your home page and click on the **'Other'** tab.

#### Step 3: Choosing the alerts you want to receive

Go to the 'I want to ... ' area of your home page View/edit profile>Alert settings

Choose which alerts you wish to receive for your child/each of your children and set the threshold (balance) at which you wish to receive alerts. For more guidance please see our 'Alert settings' area later in this guide.

- Additional mobile numbers: you are able to provide a number of mobile numbers to enable the school to send you text messages schools can choose to 'send to all mobile numbers' in the event of an emergency.
- **Email addresses**: it's likely that you provided an email address and verified it during the activation of your ParentPay account and this will show as your 'main email address' you are able to provide an alternative email address if you wish.
- **Preferred communication channel**: you can indicate which method you wish your school to use when contacting you for urgent and normal communications your school can disregard these settings if they choose.

#### **Alert settings**

A great feature of ParentPay that allows you to set and receive automated alerts from ParentPay for low balances and other purposes! It's quick and easy to setup giving you peace of mind that your child/children will never be refused a meal due to lack of funds.

Go to the 'I want to ... ' area of your home page View/edit profile>Alert settings



I want to	Alert settings				
Go to homepage	Receive automated alerts from your accours message. Balance alerts are not available		SMS text		
Pay for items	Balance alerts are available in all of	your schools			
Make bookings	Alerts unsubscribed				
View transaction history	Register your emails and mobile phon	es			
View menus & choices	Parents guide - Text alerts and school Balance alerts	communication			
View communications	Max. every 2 days, when account balance				
View / edit profile	Payment alerts When school receives a cheque, cash or l				
Your details	Message alerts Sent as a text, to inform you when your sch	nool sends you a	n email through the Pa	rentPay Communicatio	n Centre™.
Phones & emails Child details	Balance alerts				
Child contacts	Service	Child	Threshold	Email alert	Text aler
Add a child to your account	Normal School meals	Dan Bolton	£9.00		1
Alert settings	Sunny Meadow Primary School meals: Pre-	- Dan Bolton	50.00		E

The 'Alert settings' screen will confirm if you are able to set 'balance' alerts for all of your children – this feature is not available to all schools and is dependent on the type of subscription they have with ParentPay. In the event that you are not able to set automated low balance SMS alerts, a list of the children you are unable to do this for will show on screen.

**Balance alerts**: simply choose the type of alert you wish to receive (Email or SMS text) and set the 'Threshold' for each child. We recommend that this is set to cover the cost of meals for 3 days in order that you have time to top up before your child may be refused a meal.

**New item alerts**: you can choose to receive an alert when your child's school sets up a new payment item for your child

**Payment alerts – cheques and cash**: you can set up alerts to tell you when a cash/cheque payment has been recorded against your child's account in school ensuring you know the payment has been received safely.

**Payment alerts – PayPoint**: in the event that you are a cash based payer and are using either a PayPoint card for school meal top ups and/or barcoded letters to pay for trips , you



are able to set alerts to notify you once the payment shows in your child's account in school.

**Message alerts:** a great way to know that your school has sent you a message in ParentPay.

## Selecting items and making payments

#### Using your basket: Quick add items

Pay for all your children in one easy place with our quick add basket! The **'Overview tab'** on your home page shows items due for payment across all of your children.

		Dinner money for The Denewood Community School - Rachael	
gs	Transaction	Provided by: The Denewood's Community School	itions
	Your bask	Edit amount	
		10.00	
	Your basket co	Min - £10.00 / Max - £120.00	
		Add notes	
	Item descrip		
	No items in the		
		Cancel	
		Add to basket	
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Locate the item you'd like to pay for and click on **Add to basket.** 

Edit the **'Amount'** to pay and provide any **'Notes'** and **'Consent'** if appropriate in the pop-up window.

Click **Add to basket** and keep repeating the process until you're ready to **'Checkout'**.

	Bi	asket £0.0
	Description	Amount
tions	Dan: Sunny Meadow Primary School meals: Pre-booking service - Pupils	£9.75
	Pay for more items	Checkout



#### Viewing more details about your payment items before adding them

Go to Pay for items in the 'I want to ... ' area on the left of your screen.

The screen will default to the 'All items' tab displaying each item available by child with a full Description of the item, Due date and Amount.

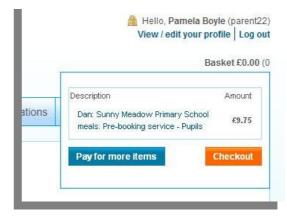
I want to		Pay for ite	ems							
Go to homepage	0	Choose the items to pay for from the list below								
Pay for items	0	All items	Dan	Nathaniel	Rachael	April	Christine	Other		
Make bookings	0	Due date	Item	description			1	lame	Amount	
			£10 1 balan end o sibling Provi Balan	of of meals at £2.00 week = £10 hai ces are carried f school can be gs on receipt of ided by: The De ice: £476.09 dit amount or ad	If termly £60 te over. Any fund refunded or tr written instruc newood's Cor	rmly £120. ds remainir ansferred tions.	Any g at the to			
		2	Dinne Scho	er money for T ol	The Denewoo	d Comm	unity A	April	£0.00	Add to baske

Click on Edit amount or add notes/Add to basket alongside the item you wish to select.

Select which items you wish to pay for at that time by clicking **Edit amount or add notes/Add to basket**.

Each time you add an item to your basket, you will be directed to the top right of the screen and a preview of your 'Basket' will pop up. Once ready to make payment go to your 'Basket' and click **Checkout**.

You will have the opportunity to review your purchases, remove any you did not intend to make or edit those you did before proceeding to make your payment as normal by clicking **Pay securely now**.





#### View and pay by child

Click on the child's name tab from your home page or via **Pay for items** in the **'I want to...'** area on the left of your screen.

Pay for items

Choose the items to pay for from the list below

All items	Dan	Nathaniel	Rachael	April	Christine	Other		
ltem descri	ption				Nar	ne	Amount	
The minimum school meal a Provided by Balance: £2.	amount pa account in Sunnysi	ide School	100	ou keep y		haniel	£0.00	dd to basket
Tuck shop t Minimum pays Provided by	nent £5	6 Doug			Nat	haniel	£0.00	🐴 Add to basket

You will see all items available to that child and can proceed to select which items you wish to pay for by clicking **Edit amount or add notes/Add to basket**.

Each time you add an item to your basket, you will be directed to the top right of the screen and a preview of your 'Basket' will pop up.

Once ready to make payment go to your 'Basket' and click **Checkout**.

You will have the opportunity to review your purchases, remove any you did not intend to make or edit those you did before proceeding to make your payment as normal by clicking **Pay** securely now.



#### Paying for 'other' items

The **'Other'** tab will display items not necessarily associated with your child such as the SMS text alert top-up for those parents that subscribe to our automated SMS text alerts.

Each time you add an item to your basket, you will be directed to the top right of the screen and a preview of your 'Basket' will pop up.

Once ready to make payment go to your 'Basket' and click Checkout.



You will have the opportunity to review your purchases, remove any you did not intend to make or edit those you did before proceeding to make your payment as normal by clicking **Pay securely now**.

# **Transaction history**

#### Quick view your most recent payments

The **'Recent payments'** area, towards the bottom of your home page, shows the most recent payments you have made across all your children.

To view more transactions, click on the **View payment history** button. You'll be able to run historical reports across all your children or choose an individual child to view your payment history for.

Date	Amount	Туре	Details
28 Feb 2012	£75.00	Card	Greenacres
27 Feb 2012	£71.00	Card	Christmas
27 Feb 2012	£21.00	Card	Christmas
27 Feb 2012	£61.00	Card	Christmas
27 Feb 2012	£16.00	Card	Christmas
22 Feb 2012	£46.00	Card	Mueic Tuit

#### View payments made between dates you choose

Go to View transaction history in the 'I want to...' area on the left of your screen.

- Name: Choose the child you want to view payments for or leave as 'All' to report on payments across all your children
- Payment item: Narrow your report down to the item you paid for or leave as 'All' services for a complete history of payments across all items in that period
- Start date: Enter your start date (DD/MM/YYYY) or use the pop-up calendar to select the date
- End date: Enter your start date (DD/MM/YYYY) or use the pop-up calendar to select the date
- Click Search



I want to		Payments
Go to homepage	0	Please select the child, item(s) paid for and dates you would like to search.
Pay for items	0	
Make bookings	0	
View transaction history Payments	0	Name: Rachael Boyle
Account statements		Payment item:
		All services
		Start date:
		01/11/2011
		End date:
		31/01/2012
		Search

A comprehensive list of all payments you have made and any refunds the school may have made to you will show on screen.

tal: £15	13.80					
Child	Payment item	Payment method	£ Amount	Date paid	Paid to	Notes
Rachael	Greenacres visit to London 2012	NA	-15.00	20 Dec 2011	The Denewood's Community School	
Rachael	Greenacres visit to London 2012 07810 541350	ParentPay online	15.00	20 Dec 2011	The Denewood's Community School	07810 541350
Rachael	Cherry Orchard Primary visit to Stansfled	ParentPay online	78.00	14 Dec 2011	The Denewood's Community School	
Rachael	Visit to the Woodlands Centre	ParentPay online	6.00	14 Dec 2011	The Denewood's Community School	
Rachael	Dinner money for The Denewood Community School	ParentPay online	20.00	09 Dec 2011	The Denewood's Community	

#### View statement of transactions for a selected month

Please note balances are only available to parents whose children attend schools who have opted for daily balances to be sent from the school canteen to ParentPay.



Your 'Account statements' are monthly reports on items where there may be 'transactions/charges' against the payments you have made such as for a school meal account. Go to **View transaction history>Account statements** in the **'I want to...'** area on the left of your screen.

lame: Dan					
Account:					
Sunny Meadow Primary:Sunny	/ Meadow Primary S	chool meals: Pre-t	oooking service - P	upils 💌	
Statement month:					

Total paid in during period:£29.25Total paid out during period:£4.00Service provider:Sunny Meadow Primary

Date	Description	Paid out	Paid in	£ Balance
01 Feb 2012	Opening balance			-4.00
20 Feb 2012	ParentPay	0.00	9.75	5.75
20 Feb 2012	ParentPay	0.00	9.75	15.50
21 Feb 2012	Lunch time:Pupil lunch from 21 Feb 2012 charged	2.00	0.00	13.50
21 Feb 2012	ParentPay	0.00	9.75	23.25
22 Feb 2012	Lunch time:Pupil lunch from 22 Feb 2012 charged	2.00	0.00	21.25
29 Feb 2012	Closing balance			21.25

- Name: Choose the child you want to view transactions for or leave as 'All' to report on all payments for all your children
- Account: Narrow your report down to the item you paid for or leave as 'All' services for a complete history of all transactions



- Statement month: Select the month and year using the drop down menus
- Click Search

### Alerts and communications

Another great new feature enabling you to view a history of all automated alerts, messages sent to you by your children/s' school/s and any messages you have sent to school via ParentPay. You can even access copies of letters, emails and texts!

Parents can receive alerts for a range of different reasons; when a new item is added by the school to ParentPay, when a cash or cheque payment has been recorded by the school on your account and where available alerts to low balances on your account. You can receive these alerts by email and / or SMS text to your mobile.

#### **Quick view your most recent Alerts & communications**

The 'Alerts & communications' area, available bottom right of your home page, enables you to view the most recent history,

across all your children.

The breakdown shows automated alerts, messages sent to you by your child/children's school/s and any messages you may have sent to school using our 'Contact schools' feature in your account.

Click the **View all alerts & communications** button to see further history.

Date	Subject
29 Feb 2012	Letter - Rachael trip zoo
27 Feb 2012	Etter - April
27 Feb 2012	Letter - Rachael
27 Feb 2012	🖂 Email - Payment reminder for trip
27 Feb 2012	Mail - Payment reminder for trip
27 Feb 2012	Email - Payment reminder for trip



#### **Communication history**

Go to View communications>Communication history in the 'I want to...' area on the left of your screen.

I want to	Communication histor	Y		
Go to homepage	View all alerts and communicat below. Your alert settings can b		e table	Change alert settin
Pay for items			220-00-02	
Make bookings	☑ 1 - 10 of 172 alerts & cc		Show all	
View transaction history	Date	Туре	Subject	
view transaction instory	14 Dec 2011		Letter	
View menus & choices	14 Dec 2011		Letter	
View communications	14 Dec 2011		Letter	
Communication history	14 Dec 2011		Letter	
Contact schools	14 Dec 2011		Sent message	
	08 Dec 2011		Letter	
	08 Dec 2011		Letter	
	08 Dec 2011		Letter	
	08 Dec 2011		Letter	
	07 Dec 2011		Sent message	

You can choose to 'Show all', select 'Only messages from schools' or 'Only messages to schools'.

If you wish to change your alert settings you can do so by going to 'View/edit profile' and selecting 'Alerts' or by clicking on the **Change alert settings button** in the **Communication history** screen.

#### Sending a message to your child's school

If your school has 'opted out' of our 'User messaging' feature you will be unable to contact your school directly within ParentPay using our 'Contact schools' feature. A message will be displayed on screen with a list of children this feature is not available for and you are advised to contact the school in another way.

**Please note:** The send message feature is intended as a general communication tool; in the event that you need to contact school urgently or tell them important information pertaining to your child you must contact them directly by phone.

Go to View communications>Contact schools in the 'I want to...' area on the left of your screen.



Go to homepage		
Pay for items	0	Rachael     April
Make bookings	0	Your school has opted out of this ParentPay feature. Please contact
view transaction history	0	your school in the usual way e.g. by telephone or email.
view menus & choices	O	
View communications Communication history Contact schools	0	MPORTANT: Please note that this message is sent directly to your child's school not to ParentPay. Do not send a message here if it contains important information that could affect your child's well being. Please contact the school directly.
		Name: Dan •

- Name: Select the child the message is in relation to
- Message category: Use the drop down menu to select
- Enter message: Type your message in the box
- Click Send message



#### **Setting up Alerts**

Go to the 'I want to ... ' area of your home page View/edit profile>Alert settings

I want to	Alert settings				
Go to homepage	Receive automated alerts from your acco message. Balance alerts are not availabl		SMS text		
🐻 Pay for items 💽	Balance alerts are available in all of	your schools			
Make bookings	Alerts unsubscribed				
View transaction history	SMS Terms and Conditions				
View menus & choices	Parents guide - Text alerts and school  Balance alerts	communication			
View communications	Max. every 2 days, when account balance New item alerts				
View / edit profile	When school receives a cheque, cash or				
Your details	Message alerts Sent as a text, to inform you when your sc	hool sends you ai	n email through the Pa	rentPay Communicatio	n Centre™.
Phones & emails Child details	Balance alerts				
Child contacts	Service	Child	Threshold	Email alert	Text alert
Add a child to your account	Normal School meals	Dan Bolton	£9.00		[m]
Alert settings	Sunny Meadow Primary School meals: Pre	- Dan Bolton	£0.00		

The 'Alert settings' screen will confirm if you are able to set 'balance' alerts for all of your children – this feature is not available to all schools and is dependent on the type of subscription they have with ParentPay. In the event that you are not able to set automated low balance SMS alerts, a list of the children you are unable to do this for will show on screen.

**Balance alerts**: simply choose the type of alert you wish to receive (Email or SMS text) and set the 'Threshold' for each child. We recommend that this is set to cover the cost of meals for 3 days in order that you have time to top up before your child may be refused a meal.

**New item alerts**: you can choose to receive an alert when your child's school sets up a new payment item for your child

**Payment alerts – cheques and cash**: you can set up alerts to tell you when a cash/cheque payment has been recorded against your child's account in school ensuring you know the payment has been received safely.



**Payment alerts – PayPoint**: in the event that you are a cash based payer and are using either a PayPoint card for school meal top ups and/or barcoded letters to pay for trips , you are able to set alerts to notify you once the payment shows in your child's account in school.

**Message alerts:** a great way to know that your school has sent you a message in ParentPay.

## Make bookings

If the school is using our 'bookings/selections' module, you may be able to pre-book meals or sessions for certain types of payment items such as school meals and before/after school clubs. Go to **Make bookings** in the **'I want to...'** area to the left of their screen.

I want to	Menu selections					
Go to homepage	Booking Type:					
Pay for items Make bookings	Name: Dan Bolton V Week commencing:					
Booking types and the select when the sel		selections	Unpaid	Payment	Payment	Cancel
the event is	Dan Bolton - Lunch time	£0.00	bookings 4	due by 18/01/2012	due £8.00*	/ Edit
Lunch time, Breakfast et	с.			т	otal cost	£8.00
<ul> <li>Name: select the child you want to mak</li> </ul>		booking make payment befo	ore logging out			

- Week commencing: use the drop down menu to select the week you wish to make bookings for
- Click Search

You can then view 'current bookings' for that 'booking type' on screen (as per the Current bookings area shown in the above screenshot).

Click Make selections to proceed to make your bookings



#### Booking a meal/session - no menu selection

This feature is not available to all parents only those that have children at schools that have subscribed to our bookings module.

- **Book a meal/session:** simply click on the day that they want to book the meal for and that day will turn green with a tick
- **Cancel a previously booked meal/session:** click on Clear day in the column of the day the meal is booked for
- **Past event:** past bookings/sessions will show with a 'Padlock' sign as they are not editable after the event
- **Bookings breakdown:** the right of their screen will show a breakdown of meals/sessions booked or cancelled during this login session, credit to be added before they logout, current balance of that account (school meal account or similar) and total cost of all bookings they have made during this session

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					Balance today	£0.00	
					Cost of all bookings	£6.00	
					Payment due	£6.00	
			Clear day		Checkout		
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- << Previous or Next>>: use these buttons to go to the previous or following week to make more bookings at this time
- Save and select more: click to save the bookings on this screen and make bookings for another child before paying
- Checkout: click to go to the basket and confirm that they wish to Pay securely now



#### Booking a meal - menu selection

This feature is not available to all parents only those that have children at schools that have subscribed to our 'bookings selections' module.

- **Book a meal:** simply click on the menu item you want to book for your child and that item will turn green with a tick
- Cancel a previously booked meal/session: click on 'Clear day' at the bottom of the column of the day the meal is booked for
- **Past event:** past bookings/sessions will show with a 'Padlock' sign as they are not editable after the event
- Bookings breakdown: the right of your screen will show a breakdown of meals/sessions booked or cancelled during this login session, credit to be added before you logout, current balance of that account (school meal account or similar) and total cost of all bookings you have made during this session.

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H						Show symbols Help Hide info	
	Spaghetti Carbonara with	Pork Sausages with Mashed	Yorkshire Pudding Chic	Honey Glazed Chicken with	Crispy Battered Fish with Chips	Julia Bowen - Lunch time	
	Garlic Bread	Potato & Onion Gravy		Savoury Rice		Bookings added 5	
ľ	Margherita Pizza	Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Toad in the	Tomato & Bean	Mushroom &	Bookings cancelled 0	
	with Potato	(v)	Hole (v) with Roast	Pasta (v)	Cheese Omelette	Cost added today £10.00	
	Wedges (v)		Potatoes & Gravy		with Chips (v)	Balance today £0.00	
	Jacket potato with tuna	Jacket potato with tuna	Jacket potato with tuna	Jacket potato with tuna	Jacket potato with tuna	Cost of all bookings £20.00	
		Curra				Payment due £20.00	
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### Viewing menus & choices

Please note this feature is only available to parents whose children attend schools which have opted to send meal information from the school canteen to ParentPay

Go to View menus & choices in the 'I want to...' area to the left of your screen.

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View menus & choices	0	Julia's menu for w	eek beginning 20 Fe	b 2012	< < View previous week	<u>View next week &gt; &gt;</u>
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		Penne Pasta with Beef Bolognaise	Hawaiian Pizza with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Minced Beef Cobbler with New Potatoes	Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips
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#### **View menus**

- Event time: defaults to lunch time
- Week commencing: choose the week to view the child's school menu
- Click Show menu
- Click on the Make bookings button to make bookings at this time

#### Viewing existing/past/future bookings for a child

The 'Dan's menu for the week beginning 20 Feb 2012' area in the screen shot opposite shows Dan's booked meals that week.

Click 'View previous week' or 'View next week' to go to the date you wish to view

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 Potato & Chickpea Curry
 Lentil roast and Roast
 Quorn Vegetable W

 tatoes (v)
 with Steamed Rice (v)
 Potatoes & Gravy
 Macaroni Cheese (v)
 with Chips (v)