



Education Resources and Community & Enterprise Resources
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Parent/Carer of

Our ref:

Your ref:

If calling ask for: School Office

Phone:

Date: March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

School Meals : NEC/YoungScot Card – ParentPay – Fusion App

As your child is due to transition to secondary school in August, we wanted to give you some information about how they will access school meals. The NEC/YoungScot card, ParentPay and the Fusion App are all interlinked.

The NEC (National Entitlement Card) is your child's access to library services, YoungScot benefits, U22 Free Bus Travel and is used as a payment card for cashless school meals. In preparation for your child starting secondary school, a NEC application form and photograph is required before the card is produced. Your primary school will issue this to you on return from the Spring Break, you are asked to return this application as soon as possible, but no later than **Monday, 24 April**. We would ask you to pay particular attention to Section 2 on Free Bus Travel and if your child already has an NEC card with free bus travel please note the card number.

All pupils will have their photograph taken which will be used on their new NEC/YoungScot Card. Once the school applies for the new card, it will be delivered to your home address within 7 working days. Those pupils who already have a Junior NEC card, Transport Scotland have advised this will expire 7 days after the school have submitted the application for the new NEC/YoungScot card. When your child starts secondary school their NEC card will then be linked to their ParentPay account to allow it to work as a cashless card. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, then the daily meal allowance is automatically added to the NEC card.

You will be aware of ParentPay from your primary school as the cashless system operated across all South Lanarkshire Council schools for the purchase of school meals, trips, etc. Your account at primary school does not transfer automatically to the secondary school and therefore you will be issued with a new activation letter to link your child to their secondary school. This not only allows your child to purchase a school meal, but it is also the only way you will be able to pay for other activities, e.g. Home Economics, football fixtures. It is therefore important to link your child to the secondary school.

A new activation letter will be sent to you via email prior to the start of term in August from the

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