

GOLDINGTON GREEN ACADEMY

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Dear Parents, Carers,

Transition to a Cashless School - From January 2026

I am writing to let you know that, from January 2026 as we join the Heart Academy Trust of schools, our school will be transitioning to a fully cashless system. This change is part of a wider move to improve financial transparency, reduce risk, and streamline how we manage payments across the school community.

This means that from January onwards, we will no longer accept cash payments for any school-related activities, including trips, clubs, meals, and fundraising events. Instead, all payments will be made electronically via platforms such as **ParentPay** and **Magic Booking**, which many of you are already familiar with. These systems are secure, user-friendly, and widely used across schools nationally.

We are also working closely with the PTFA to ensure that any cash currently held is paid into the PTFA bank account, and that future fundraising efforts are managed electronically. This approach is strongly supported by both our auditors and the Department for Education, and reflects best practice in school financial management.

If you have any concerns or specific circumstances that may require additional support, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We want to ensure this change works smoothly for everyone.

We will continue to communicate clearly over the coming weeks, and provide guidance and support to help you prepare for the change.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and partnership.

Kind regards,

Caroline Skingsley Headteacher

