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Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

After School Childcare & School Trips - New payment system

Over the next few weeks Atwood Primary School will be switching to a new method of payment for after school club childcare and school trips. This is likely to take place after the May half term but I wanted to prepare you for such a change.

These changes are needed due to administration and limitations that 'School Gateway' has for the payments and reconciliation of childcare vouchers.

We have decided to come in line with the Pegasus Academy Trust current payment system 'Magic Booking'. The new system will allow parents to print off statements that may be needed for Universal Credit evidence or for Student Finance statements easily. The reporting on the new system is better than 'School Gateway'. You get instant confirmation of sessions that are booked and can make payments in advance.

Although this seems like a big change we know that when you begin using 'Magic Booking' you will see that it is an improvement compared to current 'School Gateway'. We look forward to helping all our families move gradually to this new system and hope you will agree with us that it represents an improvement on our current arrangements; more details to follow shortly.

All of our other services including school lunches, school activities/clubs, purchasing of resources, school discos, etc. will remain the same at this moment in time.

If you have any enquiries or concerns, please email Suzanne Christopher the Extended Services Leader at the Pegasus Academy Trust - <u>schristopher@pegasusacademytrust.org</u>

Best wishes Suzanne Christopher Extended Services Leader Pegasus Academy Trust

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