



An introduction to our online payment service

www.parentpay.com

#### What does ParentPay do?

- enables you to pay for and Choose School Meals and other items such as Trips
- offers a highly secure payment site
- gives you a history of all the payments you have made
- allows you to create a single account login across all your children that attend a ParentPay school
- shows you all items available for payment relevant to each of your children
- emails a receipt of your payment to the email address you register
- offers you the ability to set automated email/SMS payment reminders.

#### How does ParentPay help you?

- gives you the freedom to make payments to school whenever and wherever you like
- stops you having to write cheques or search for cash to send to school
- gives you peace of mind that your payment has been made safely and securely
- helps with budgeting; payments are immediate, there is no waiting for cheques to clear
- payments for many of the larger trips can be made by instalments up to the due date
- you will never need miss a payment, or have insufficient credit, with automated email/SMS alerts
- ParentPay is quick and easy to use.

#### How does ParentPay help your school?

- reduces the administrative time spent on banking procedures
- keeps accurate records of payments made to every service for every student
- payments do not bounce
- reduces paper 'waste'
- allows for easy and quick refunds to be made back to the payment card
- improves communication between the school and parents concerning payments
- offers a more efficient payment collection process, reducing the amount of money held on school premises
- helps us improve school-home communication with its integrated email/SMS messaging centre.

#### How do you get started?

We will send you an activation letter containing your activation details to enable you to set up your ParentPay account.

If you have more than one child at a ParentPay school/s you can add them to a single account, providing one login for all children at ParentPay schools.

NOTE: Free school meals (FSM) and Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) are automatically calculated and will reduce the value of the payment due where appropriate.

In most cases this will be a zero cost.

#### Bookings must still be confirmed to ensure that they are registered on the school's system

Already have a ParentPay Account?

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#### Activate a new account

You will need your activation letter from school to get started. If you have lost this or not yet received it, contact the school.

You need a valid email address as a username and for account verification.

- 1. Navigate to parentpay.com
- 2. Select **Login** at the top right corner of the screen
- 3. Enter the username and password provided in your account activation letter and select Activate
- 4. Complete the activation as detailed on the screen (log into your email and click on the verification link that has been emailed to you).
- 5. That is it you're done!

#### The Activation code

If you have never held an account with ParentPay, you will need an account activation letter from your child's school.

The activation codes will always be **8 capital letters** for the username, the password begins with the letter **'a' and is followed by numbers**.

# How to add more children to your account, or merge accounts together

One of the key features of ParentPay is the cross-school login functionality. This enables parents or carers that have children attending multiple ParentPay enabled schools to have a single account for up to 6 children.

## Adding a child to your account using activation codes provided by the school

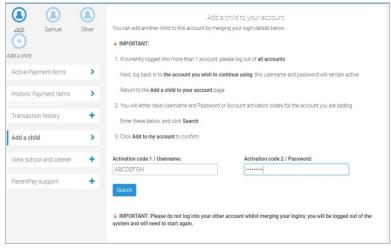
You will need your activation letter from your school for each pupil containing unique activation codes. If you have never used ParentPay previously, you will need to use the codes in **one** letter to activate your account. You can then add other children to the same account by following the instructions below.

- 1. Navigate to www.parentpay.com and log into an existing activated account.
- 2. If using a computer, select the Add a child icon from the top left of the home page.

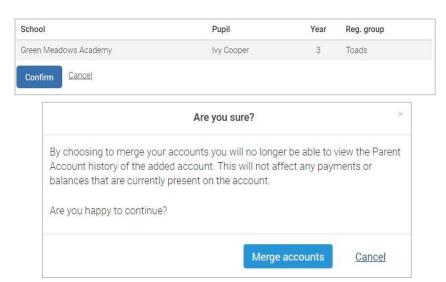


If using a smart phone, or other mobile device, select the menu icon from the top of the page, and select Add a child.

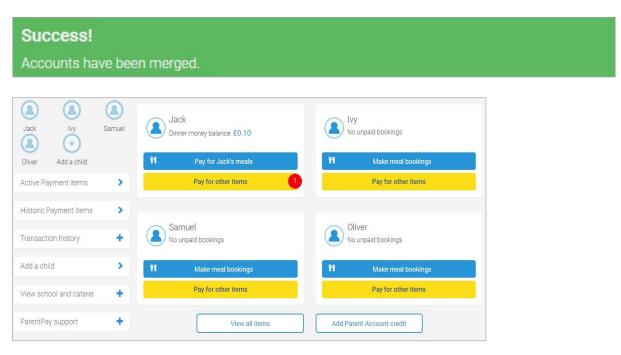
3. Enter the activation codes exactly as written on the activation letter and select Search.



- 4. Check the details of the child to be added to your account. If they are correct, select Confirm.
- 5. A confirmation message will be displayed. Select Merge accounts. You will then be able to make payments for the newly added child.



NOTE: If the details for the child listed on the screen do not correspond with your child, select Cancel and inform the school immediately.



# Merging two or more logins together

If you have more than one log in to payer accounts on ParentPay it is possible to merge them together providing the steps below are followed: • Select which of the logins will be the primary account that the other(s) will be merged into. • Ensure that the secondary account(s) have a Parent Account balance of £0.00. If there is a Parent Account balance, this must be withdrawn before the account is merged. If the balance is not zeroed before the merge is attempted, an error message will be displayed.

# Warning... The account you are merging needs to have a Parent Account balance of £0.00.

Any payment history, transaction history, or Parent Account statements for the secondary account(s)
cannot be accessed after the accounts have been merged. Print any reports or records that may be
required for future use.

- Ensure that the total number of pupil/staff records that will be combined by merging the accounts will not exceed 6. A ParentPay parent account can currently only manage 6 pupils. If the combined total exceeds 6, an error will occur, and the merge will not complete.
- Ensure that only pupil or staff accounts will be merged. ParentPay manager accounts (used for administrating the ParentPay system) cannot be merged with pupil or staff accounts (used for making payments for meals or other items).

Once all of these points have been completed/confirmed, the accounts can then be merged.

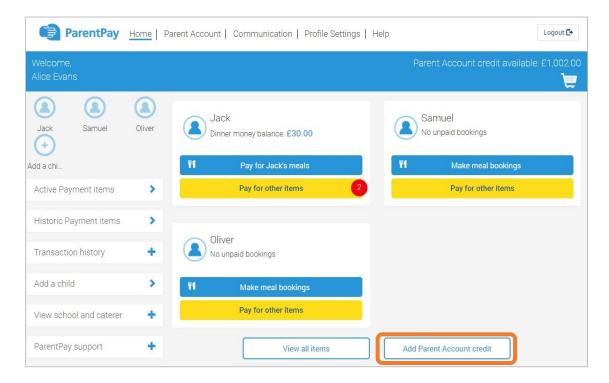
- 1. Log out of all ParentPay accounts.
- 2. Log into the primary account that will become the master account once the merge has been completed.
- 3. If using a computer, select the Add a child icon from the top left of the home page.
  - If using a smart phone, or other mobile device, select the menu icon from the top of the page, and select Add a child.
- 4. Enter the username and password of the secondary account that is to be merged into the master account.
- 5. Select Search.
- 6. Check the details of the account to be merged, and select Confirm.

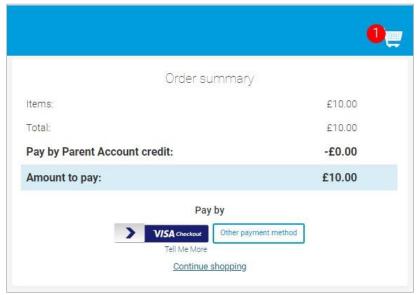
All of the pupil/staff records from the secondary account(s) will then be transferred to the master account.

### How to add and use Parent Account credit

To allow for faster payments towards trips, school meals, clubs, and anything else schools may collect money for, ParentPay provides access to the Parent Account. You can add any amount of money into your Parent Account and use it to quickly check out and pay for items added to the ParentPay system by the school. Adding credit to your Parent Account

- 1. Navigate to www.parentpay.com and log into your account
- 2. Select Set up Parent Account (If credit has been added to the Parent Account previously, this will read Add Parent Account credit)





- 3. Select one of the pre -set amounts, or manually enter the amount in the Other amount box to top up with
- 4. Choose how to pay by selecting Visa Checkout or Other payment method

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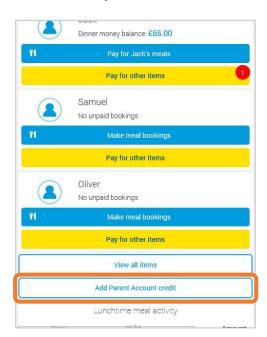
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5. A success notification will be displayed, and a receipt will be emailed to you

#### Making a payment using Parent Account credit

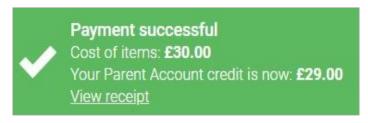
- 1. Navigate back to the homepage, and select one of the following:
  - a. Pay for <child's name> meals located below the child's name in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only give the option to pay for school meals for a single child.
  - Pay for other items located below the option to pay for meals in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only provide details of any items assigned this child.



- c. Active payment items on computers, this is located in the menu on the left side of the page. For mobile devices, this can be accessed by selecting the menu icon in the top left corner. This will list all items for payment assigned to any children or staff members linked to your payer account.
- 2. If required, select View against the item for payment
- 3. Enter the amount to pay, quantity required, or any other requested information
- Select Pay by Parent Account
   Note: If there is not enough credit in your Parent Account to cover the cost of the item, you will be prompted to add the item to your basket



5. A success notification will be displayed at the top of the screen containing your updated Parent Account balance, and a receipt will be emailed to you.



# How to make a meal or event bookings

If your child's school makes use of the ParentPay booking service, you will be able to book your child's meals and/or event places in advance of the session. This helps the school minimise food waste, and reduce administrative burden on the school staff.

To check whether your child's school uses the booking feature, select the child you wish to view. The bookings option will be available in the left side menu (or in the menu drop down if using a mobile device).

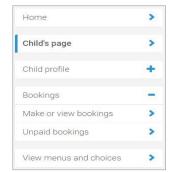
## Making bookings

- 1. Go towww.parentpay.co and log in
- Select the child to make bookings for Select Bookings > Make or view bookings
- Select the time of ay that you wish to make a booking for Select the week to view
- SelectMake or view bookings



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You will then be presented with a booking screen. Schools can opt for varying functionality, so you will be see one of the following formats:

Booking with menu to view: Book a meal or event. Menu shown, but choices cannot be selected



Red pepper quiche

Sausage and mash

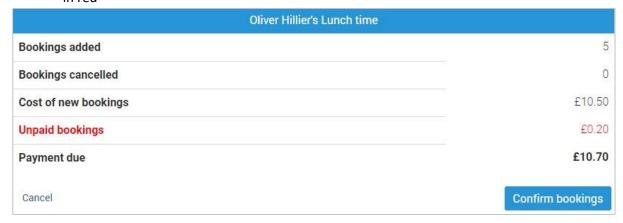
Lentil, butternut

Cheese and tomato pizza and chips

Jacket Potato

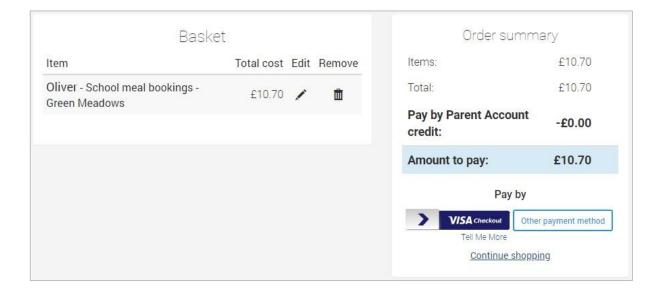
Menu selections: Book a meal by selecting from the menu choices shown

- 7. Make the required bookings
- 8. A summary will be displayed at the bottom of the page with any previous unpaid bookings shown in red



**WARNING:** Any bookings must be confirmed and (if required) paid for within 2 hours of selecting them. Failure to do so will result in the bookings being automatically cancelled.

- 9. Review the booking summary, and select **Confirm booking**.
- 10. Any credit in your Parent Account will be used to pay for the meals. Any remaining cost can be paid by card or Visa Checkout by selecting the appropriate option



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In most cases this will be a zero cost.

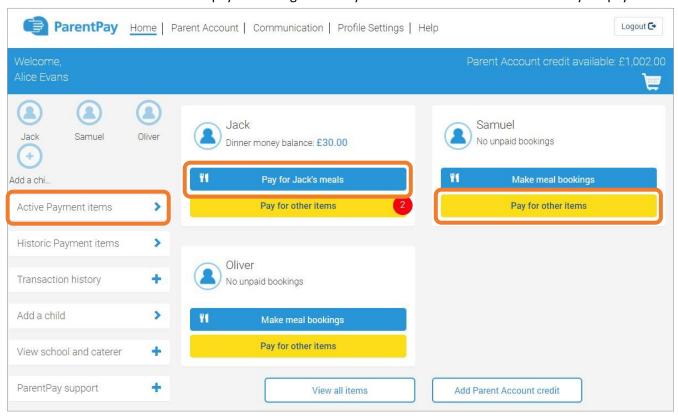
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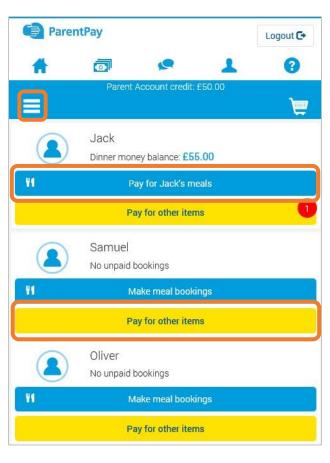
# How to pay for items

Whenever a school creates an item to pay for (such as a trip, uniform, or a club) they select which pupils or staff members to assign to the item. This assignment allows parents or carers to log into the ParentPay system and make a payment.

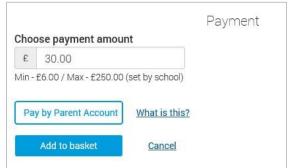
To pay for items, please follow the steps below:

- 1. Navigate to www.parentpay.com and log into your payer account
- 2. Select one of the 3 options to view the items for payment
  - a. **Pay for <child's name> meals** located below the child's name in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only give the option to pay for school meals for a single child.
  - b. **Pay for other items** located below the option to pay for meals in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only provide details of any items assigned this child.
  - c. **Active payment items** on computers, this is located in the menu on the left side of the page. For mobile devices, this can be accessed by selecting the menu icon in the top left corner. This will list all items for payment assigned to any children or staff members linked to your payer account.





- 3. Select view against the required item for payment
- 4. Enter the amount to pay, quantity required, or any other requested information

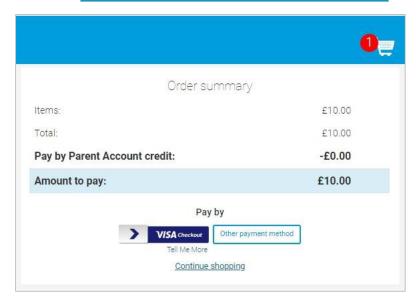


- 5. Select **Add to basket** to pay by card, or to pay for multiple items in one transaction
- Alternatively, select Pay by Parent Account for instant payment

**NOTE:** Instant payment via Parent Account is only available if there is enough credit in the Pa rent Account to cover the cost. The available Parent Account credit can be viewed in the top right corner of the screen above the basket icon.



- If items have been added to the basket, select the basket icon in the top right corner of the screen, or by selecting View basket and pay after adding an item to the basket
- Review the payment, and select Visa Checkout or Other payment method



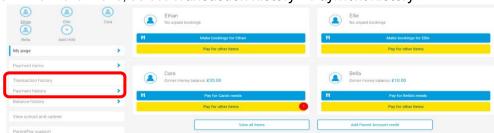
**NOTE:** If there is any credit in the Parent Account, this will be used to pay for the items. If the total of the items to pay for is greater than the Parent Account balance, the difference can be paid by other methods

9. Complete the payment process. Once the payment has been completed, a confirmation message will be displayed

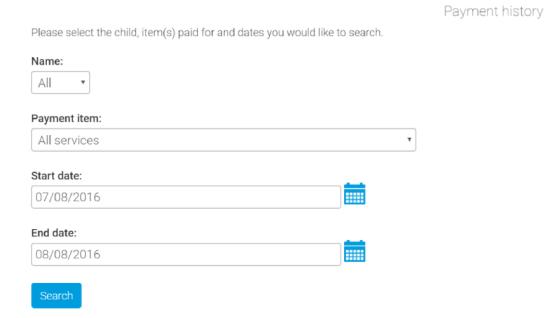


# How to view payment history

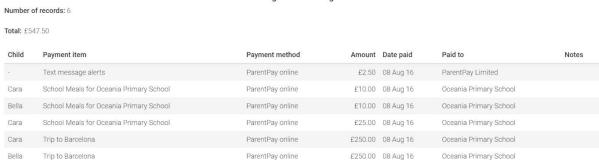
- 1. Navigate to <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and log in.
- 2. Navigate to your Home screen.
- 3. From the menu, select Transaction history > Payment history.



- 4. Select the name of the child, the payment item, and the date range you wish to view.
- 5. Select Search



You will see a full list of all the transactions carried out during the selected period.



# How to make a withdrawal from your Payer Account

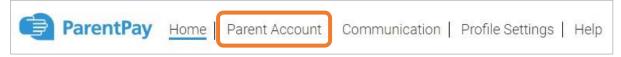
Your Parent Account enables you to maintain a balance within ParentPay which speeds up the process of making payments for items such as dinners or trips.

There may be occasions where it is necessary to make a withdrawal from your Parent Account, such as when a high value school trip is refunded, or when you no longer have a child attending a ParentPay enabled school.

**NOTE**: This process only allows withdrawals of funds already in your Parent Account. Dinner payments or trip payments need to be refunded to your Parent Account by the school before it can be withdrawn.

## Making a withdrawal

- 1. Go to <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and log into your ParentPay account
- 2. Navigate to Parent Account



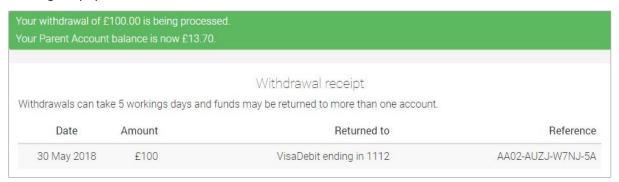
- 3. Your statement will then be displayed
- 4. Select **Withdraw** from beneath the statement



- 5. Enter the amount to be withdrawn. This can be a minimum of £2.00, and a maximum of the total amount in your Parent Account
- 6. Select Make withdrawal



to the card/bank account that the original payment was taken from



- 7. Confirm the withdrawal
- 8. Confirmation of the withdrawal will be displayed.

The withdrawal may take up to 5 working days to be credited back

## Things to be aware of

• If the withdrawal will result in amounts being credited to multiple cards/bank accounts, the confirm withdrawal notification will display what will be refunded to which cards. Select **Why is my withdrawal going to multiple cards?** for further advice.



• If the withdrawal is declined, an error message will be displayed informing you that the system has been unable to process the withdrawal. You will be prompted to contact ParentPay Support.

- Only 3 withdrawals can be made against each Parent Account every 3 months.
- Withdrawn funds will always be credited back to the card/bank account the original payment was made from.
- Payments made via cash, cheque, PayPoint, or manual adjustments (such as childcare vouchers) cannot be refunded back to the Parent Account, and therefore cannot be withdrawn. The refund must be processed by the school.

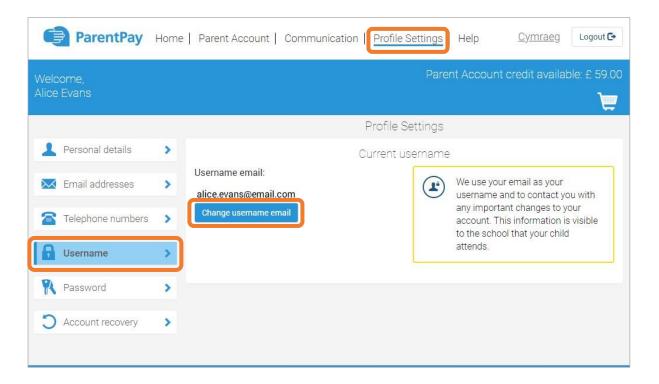
# How to update your username, password, and other profile settings

When creating your ParentPay account, it is a requirement to provide an email address which is used as your username. You will also have been required to set up your own password. It is important to keep your email address up to date so that you can continue to receive communications from your school(s) and organisations. The email address is also used if you need to change your password or log a support issue. Should your email provider ever change, it will be necessary to update your username.

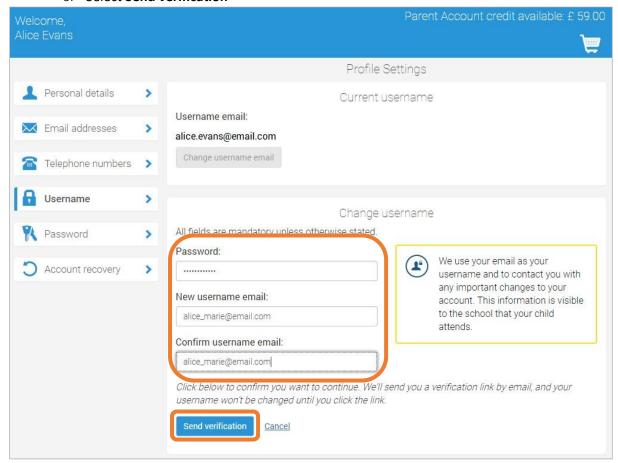
NOTE: ParentPay advise that you should use a personal email address rather than a corporate email address to minimise the loss of account access when moving jobs.

#### How to change your username

- 1. Navigate to <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and log into your account 2. Select Profile settings
- > Username
- 3. Select Change username email



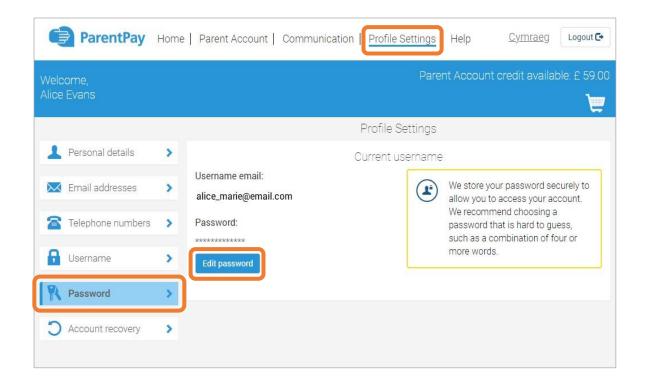
- 4. Enter the current **Password**, the new username email, and confirm the username email
- 5. Select Send verification



- 6. An email will then be sent to the new email address
- 7. Open the email and select the link to change the username.
- 8. Log into the ParentPay system with the new username

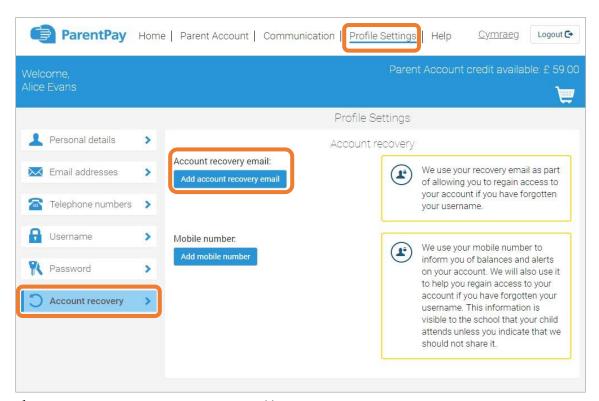
# How to change your password

- 1. Navigate to <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and log into your account
- 2. Select Profile settings > Password
- 3. Select Edit password
- 4. Enter the existing password, the new password, and confirm the new password
- 5. Select **Save changes**

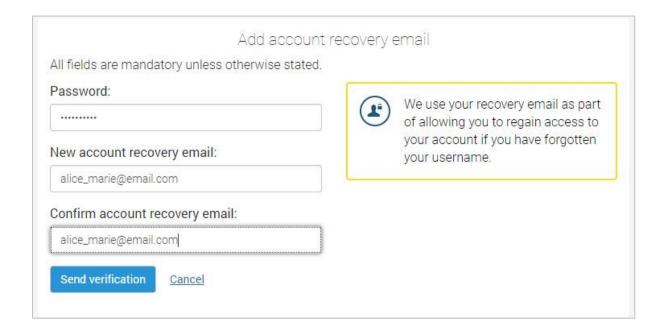


# How to set an email address for account recovery

The account recovery email address is used to assist in the recovery of the account if the username is ever forgotten.



- 1. Navigate to <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and log into your account
- 2. Select Profile settings > Account recovery
- 3. Select Add account recovery email
- 4. Enter the current password, the new account recovery email, and confirm the account recovery email



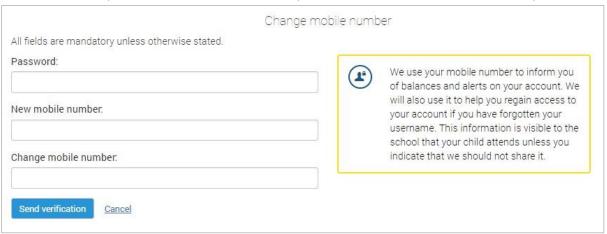
- 5. Select Send verification
- 6. A verification email will then be sent to the email address entered
- 7. Open the email and select the link to verify the address

### How to set a mobile phone number for account recovery

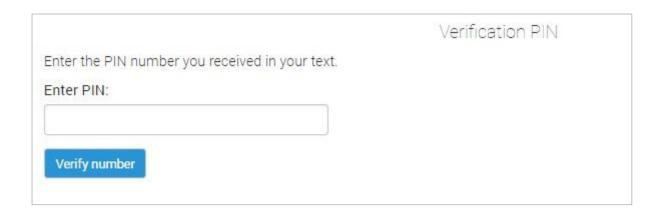
The account recovery mobile phone number is used to inform you of any balance alerts that you may choose to receive. It can also be used to help you regain access to your ParentPay account if the log in details are forgotten.

The mobile phone number is shared with the school(s) that your child(ren) attend unless otherwise indicated.

- 1. Navigate to <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and log into your account
- 2. Select Profile settings > Account recovery
- 3. Select Change account recovery number
- Enter the password, new account recovery number, and confirm account recovery number



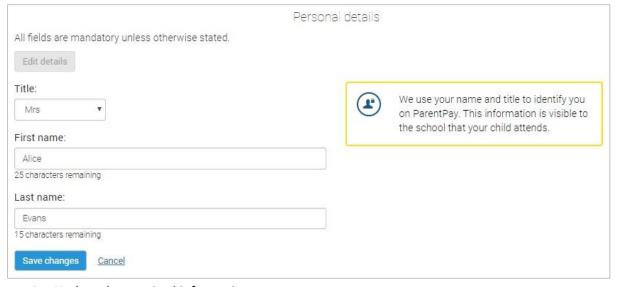
- 5. Select Send verification
- 6. A PIN will then be sent to the number that has been entered
- 7. Enter the PIN into the ParentPay site to verify the mobile number



## How to update your name and home address details

Your name and home address is shared with the school(s) that your child(ren) attend. This is used by them to address letters created within the ParentPay system. It is important, therefore, to update your ParentPay system if you move to a new house or change your name, as well as informing the school so that they can update their records.

- 1. Navigate to <a href="www.parentpay.com">www.parentpay.com</a> and log into your account
- 2. Select Profile Settings > Personal details
- 3. Select Edit details to update your name, or Edit address to update your home address



- 4. Update the required information
- 5. Select Save changes

# How to set up email and text alerts

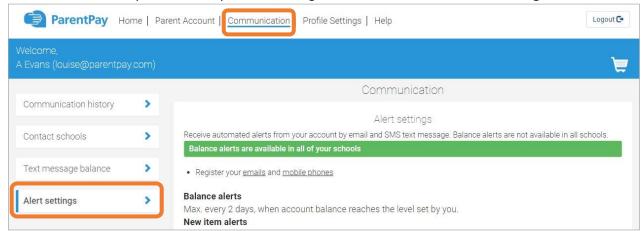
It can be difficult to keep track of balances and payments. ParentPay gives Payers the opportunity to set up email or text alerts.

Text message alerts can only be received if you have credit in your text message balance. Charges for text alerts are deducted from the text message balance each time a text is sent. Texts are charged at 6p each. There is no charge for email alerts.

**NOTE:** Text alerts will only be sent to verified mobile numbers. Email alerts will only be sent to the email address used as your username.

## Setting up alerts

1. From within your ParentPay account, navigate to Communication > Alert settings



- 2. From the list of alerts that can be set up, select which alerts would like to be received, and whether you want to receive them by email or text message. (Text message alerts will be charged at 6p each.)
  - Balance alerts Most schools will allow payers to set a balance threshold to be set for balance associated items such as school meals, or after school clubs. You can then choose to receive email or text alerts once the balance falls below the selected threshold. The thresholds can be set for each balance associated item linked with each child attached to your ParentPay account.

Maximum of one alert per item and child every 2 days once the balance alert reaches the threshold.

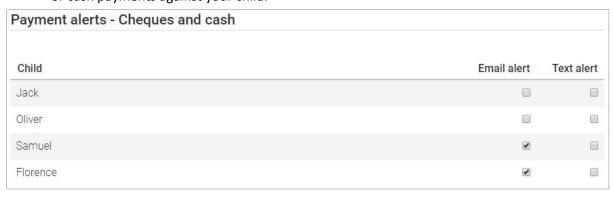


• **New item alerts** – Select to receive alerts when your child is added to a new trip or item for payment. Alerts can be set individually for each child attached to your ParentPay account.

Maximum of one alert per child received per day.

New item alerts		
Child	Email alert	Text alert
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Oliver	•	
Samuel		
Florence	0	

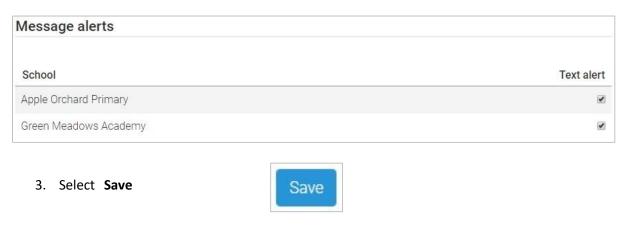
• **Payment alerts – Cheques and cash** – Select to receive an alert each time the school records manual cheque or cash payments against your child.



• Payment alerts – PayPoint – Select to receive an alert each time a PayPoint payment is recorded against your child's account.



• Message alerts – Select to receive a text message alert each time the school sends an email to you through the ParentPay system.



**NOTE:** Balance alerts aren't available in all schools. If your school's ParentPay configuration does not support balance alerts, you won't be given the option to set them up. You will be notified whether you can set up balance alerts at the top of the **Alert settings** screen.

Balance alerts are not available in your schools

Balance alerts are available in all of your schools

## Topping up your text alert balance

- 1. In your ParentPay account, navigate to Communication > Text message balance
- 2. Select Add credit now
- 3. Enter the amount to add to your balance (Min £2.40 / Max £9.00)
- 4. Select Add to basket to pay by card. Alternatively, select Pay by Parent Account for instant payment

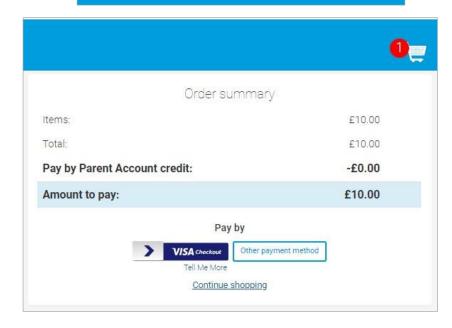
NOTE: Instant payment via Parent Account is only available if there is enough credit in the Parent Account to cover

the cost. The available Parent Account viewed in the top right corner of the the basket icon.

Parent Account credit available: £50.00

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- 5. If items have been added to the basket, select the basket icon in the top right corner of the screen, or by selecting **View basket and pay** after adding an item to the basket
- Review the payment, and select Visa Checkout or Other payment method



**NOTE:** If there is any credit in the Parent Account, this will be used to pay for the items. If the total of the items to pay for is greater than the Parent Account balance, the difference can be paid by other methods

7. Complete the payment process. Once has been completed, a confirmation be displayed



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