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Wallace Hall Academy, Primary and ELC

"Together we grow, learn and achieve"

Head Teacher: Barry Graham

5th May 2025

Subject: Wallace Hall Academy Transition to Cashless Payments

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you about an important change to the way we collect money for activities, events, uniform and excursions here at Wallace Hall 2-18. In an effort to enhance convenience, security, efficiency and keep down costs to our school community we have recently started to transition to cashless payments. It is hoped that by the end of this session the majority of payments made to school will be made in this way.

Reasons for Moving to Cashless Payments:

- With the imminent closure of the Bank of Scotland in Thornhill this makes it difficult for Wallace Hall to complete day to day banking for any money that is collected by cash or cheque.
- Convenience and security for our Parents/Carers, pupils no longer will need to bring in cash/cheques to pay for activities/events which can be left in school bags for several days.
- The bank has recently implemented significant charges for day to day banking using the accounts that we have with no other option. Sadly we do not have the funds to cover the level of costs that are expected and wish to avoid increases in costs for activities to pay for these charges.

What This Means for You:

- All future payments for school-related expenses, including uniform items, extracurricular activities and excursions can be made electronically and we would encourage you to pay this way.

Benefits of Cashless Payments:

- **Convenience:** Make payments anytime, anywhere, without the need to carry cash.
- **Security:** Reduce the risk of lost or stolen cash.
- **Efficiency:** Streamline payment processing and reduce charges to the school from the bank

How to Make Payments:

Payments to Wallace Hall Academy Bank Account can be made electronically using the following details:

Sort Code: 80 19 02

A/c No: 00280537

A/c Name: Wallace Hall Academy

Please always clearly state your child's name, their year stage and details of what the payment is for, e.g.

PupilName S1 Belfast or PupilNames4 Sch Tie

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Lantra School Project Award – 2013/2018/2020/2022

Scottish Education Award – Enterprise and Employability

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First Lego League Robotics Scottish/UK & Ireland Champions



Our aim is that across the whole school by the end of 2025 we will only be accepting cash or cheques for Tuck Shop and charity fundraising events.

We understand that this change may require some adjustments, and we are here to support you through the transition. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any concerns or require additional information.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we make this move towards a more modern and efficient way of working within our community.

Yours Sincerely

Sharon Gibson

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School Support Manager