

6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may remember, we told you on our recent newsletter that sQuid would be ceasing trading from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March. We have therefore decided that from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March we will be using My Child at School (MCAS) to process any payments in school.

As you will not be able to access sQuid after this date, can we ask that all debts are settled by then. If you have a credit balance on your account please contact sQuid directly through the 'Contact Us' option and ask them to refund your balance.

As we 'turn on' different modules, you will see them appear on your MCAS app. If you do not have the app then please download from your usual app store. The icon looks like this:



If you use our wraparound care, can we please ask that you book all the places you need for March using the school website as usual, but from 1<sup>st</sup> April, this will be booked and paid for via MCAS. You will not be able to make payments on Squid after 14<sup>th</sup> March, so please can you use the school bank account in the interim (details from the school office). Those of you that pay via Childcare/Government vouchers can continue to use these as normal for payment, but bookings must be made through MCAS from April onwards.

School dinners will also be paid for using MCAS and you will be able to view on the app.

Any new clubs/trips that are arranged from 17<sup>th</sup> March onwards will be available to book and pay for through MCAS. Current trips will be added to MCAS but please be assured that we will take into account any money already paid on sQuid or the bank, so should only be used for any outstanding balances.

We will make the upcoming Mother's Day event available on MCAS next week and will use this as a trial run. More details on this will be coming out by the end of this week.

After Easter we will only be accepting payments through MCAS so please let us know if you do not have the app set up and we will be happy to help. A guide on how to use MCAS will follow.

As you can appreciate, this is a huge change for us as well as you and until we see how the process actually runs, we ask that you bear with us as we learn along with you!

Kind regards,

The School Admin Team