



Dear Parents and Carers,

SchoolsBuddy – A New Bookings and Payments System

We are writing to you today to introduce a new bookings and payments system called SchoolsBuddy which we will be implementing from the Autumn to book and pay for Extended School Activities, Trips and any other Adhoc items. SchoolsBuddy will be replacing the current system being used, Parentpay, for these services.

As Deer Park School grows each year, so does the need to provide and facilitate more extended school services to you. Parentpay is essentially a payment system not a booking system and has been unable to fulfil the needs and handle the demand of our services. We have taken on board parental concerns too and have explored alternative systems to use, with SchoolsBuddy being the most suitable system to yours and our needs. SchoolsBuddy has been trailed in a BPET school for two terms and has worked very well.

SchoolsBuddy is a bookings system as well as a payment system and has a wide range of benefits such as a few listed below:

- Preference based bookings
- Automatic system based club allocations
- Upfront payments
- Childcare voucher functionality
- Personalised diary
- Message Centre
- Fully mobile app

The system will streamline the process of selecting and booking clubs as well as making it easier for you to view which clubs you have booked within the calendar function. To read more about what the system has to offer, please visit SchoolsBuddy website using the following link: www.schoolsbuddy.com

Getting Started

On **Monday 8th July** we will email you instructions for signing up to SchoolsBuddy online. This will be a simple registration process where you will follow a link from the sign up email and set up a user name and password. Once completed you will be able to access the system and start making **booking for Autumn Term Clubs from Thursday 11th July**.

For support on how to make bookings and payments on SchoolsBuddy once registered, you can access the [Parent Support Centre](#) .





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We look forward to implementing the system and providing you with a more efficient service.

Thank you

With the kindest regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Colenso", written in a cursive style.

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Headteacher



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