



Castledon School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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Life Skills payments

As you are aware your son/daughter is taught life skills as a large part of their weekly curriculum. Topics may include learning in our local community, sports such as trampolining (which is off site), food for cookery lessons, use of the gym in our sport in the community lessons and use of the swimming pool for our older learners. The life skills payment also contributes to our transport costs for our wonderful minibuses which are so vital for our learners.

Many of these aspects do cost additional money and rather than asking for contributions each time a cooking activity occurs or pupils go offsite, we ask for donations of £7.50 per half term via our online payment system sQuid. Where pupils go out and purchase meals/snacks or a trip requires entrance fees, due to the extra cost of these activities, a separate letter will come home about this.

The end date for each payment is:

- **Monday, 10th October 2022**
- **Monday, 5th December 2022**
- **Monday, 27th February 2023**
- **Monday, 20th March 2023**
- **Monday, 15th May 2023**
- **Monday, 26th June 2023.**

Please log into your sQuid account under "Trips and Offers" and look for the booking category "Life Skills Payment 2022-2023".

We understand that there is incredible pressure on household budgets and not all families are able to afford this at the present time. **I would like to reiterate that this is a voluntary contribution and we would not wish to add to financial pressures if you are unable to make this payment.**

For those learners in the Sixth Form that have been accepted for the Post 16 Bursary fund, this payment can be made from that fund. Please contact Laura Cardy on lcardy@castledon.org to arrange this.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Simon Holliday

Headteacher

