schoolmoney

Parent User Guide

Dear parents,

Welcome to SchoolMoney; an easy, safe and secure way to pay for your child's trips, dinners and other expenses online via your debit or credit card. The following user guide has been created to take you smoothly through these processes, so that you and the school can gain the most out of the system.

If you have any questions about making payments, simply contact your school and they can get in touch with us!

The SchoolMoney Online Payment Service brought to you by Eduspot

Logging into SchoolMoney

To log into your SchoolMoney account, you will first need to open a webpage on your device and enter the following address:



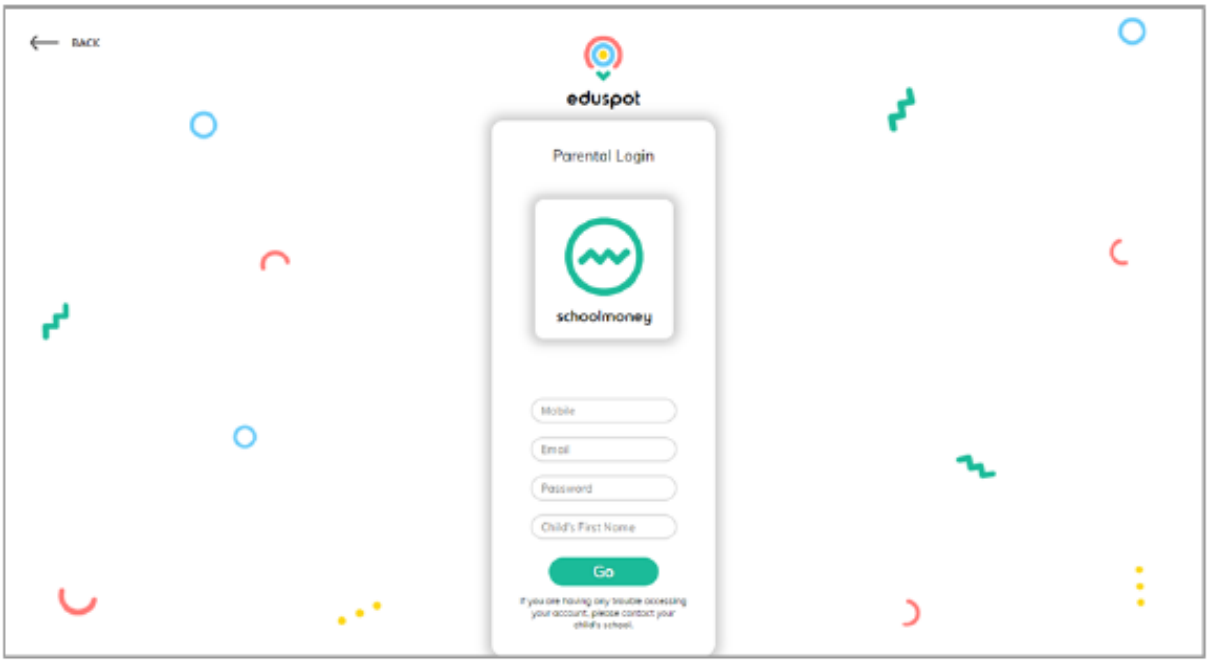
This will take you to our eduspot website.

In the top right hand corner of the screen is a sign in button. Please click on this.



A drop down box will appear with our products listed. Click on the bottom option of **SchoolMoney parent login**.

This will then send you to the parent login page.



Please enter the following information:

- Your mobile number
- Your email address
- The password the school has sent to you by text or email
- Your child's first name

Press Go when you are ready.

> ***Please note:*** *The school will have sent you a password via text/email. If you have not received a message with a password in it, please contact the school directly to request one.*

> ***Please note:*** *Only enter your child's* ***First Name****. This needs to be spelt in the same way as the school has it entered on their system, e.g. If the schools records have your child's name spelt as Samuel you should not enter Sam.*

You will be logged into your SchoolMoney account providing the details that you have entered are correct.

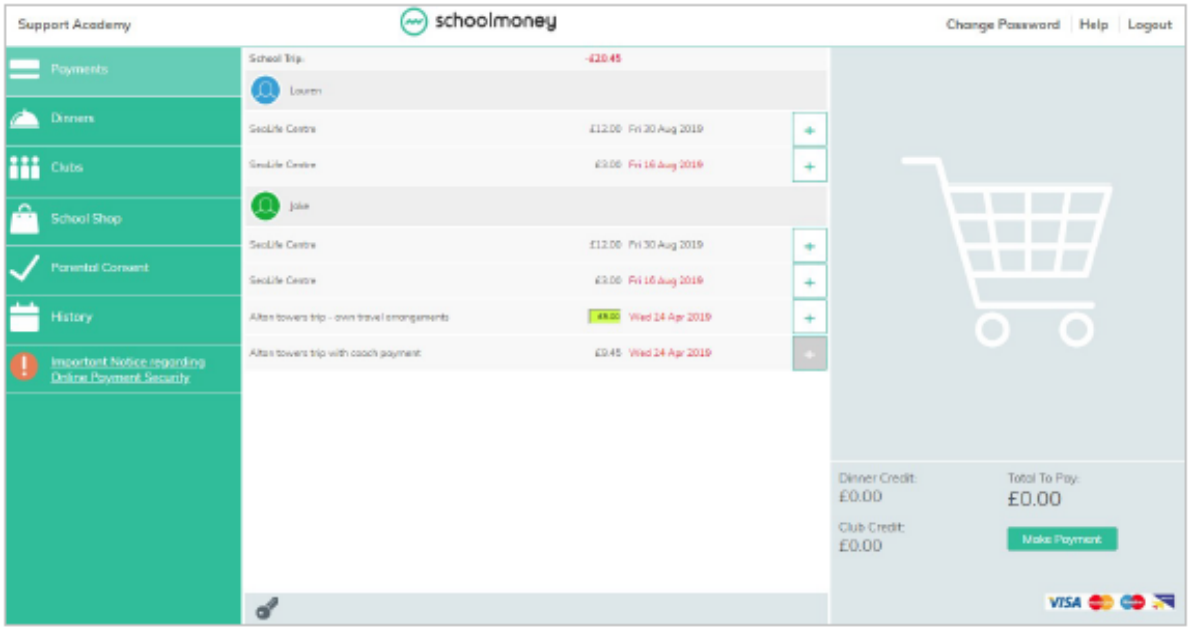
> ***Please note:*** *If for any reason it won't allow you to log on, we would advise that you contact your school to double check the mobile number/ email address that they have recorded against your child on* ***SchoolMoney****. If you are entering different details to the school, you will be unable to login until the school change your child's details.*

Making a Payment

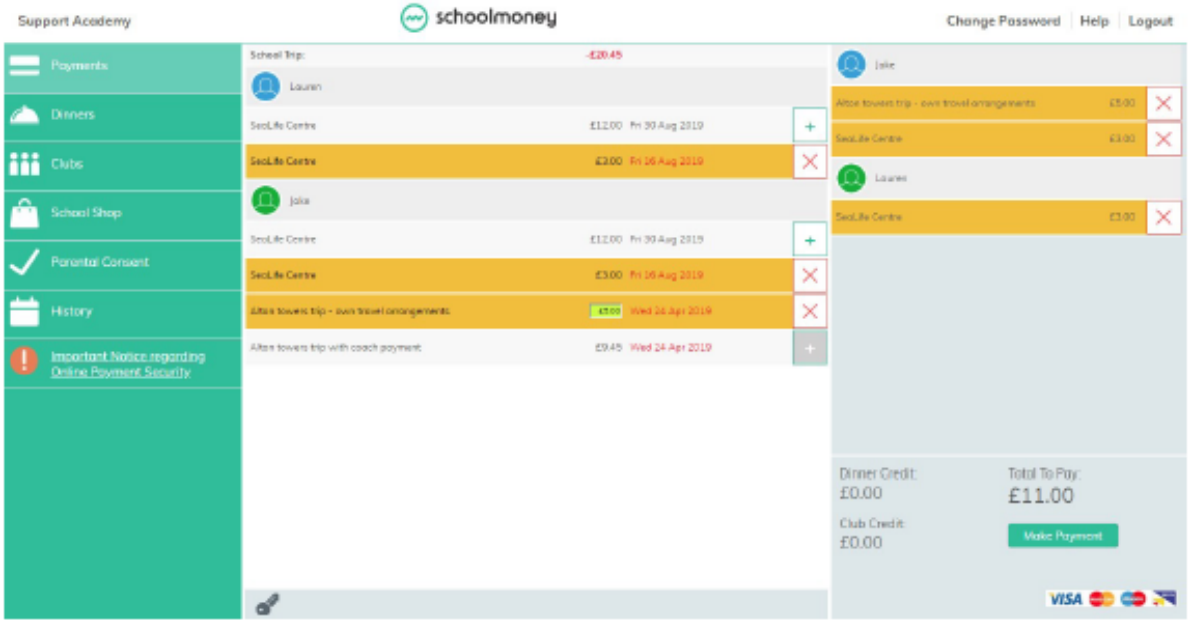
Once you have logged into your account, you will then be able to make payments for your child.

If you have more than one child that attends the school then their payments will show beneath their names. Names are listed alphabetically.

Any dinner arrears that your child has accumulated will appear first on the list, followed by payments that the school has set up for things such as trips, clubs and fees.



To pay for an item select the + sign next to the payment. This will add the payment to the basket and turn the payment yellow to show that it has been selected.





You may find that some of your payments are highlighted in a different colour:

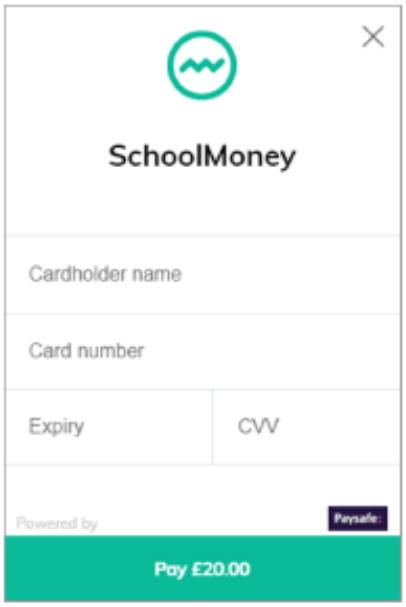
Green: this means that you can pay off the amount in smaller chunks up until the due date, when you will need to pay it off in full. Click into the green box and amend the amount.

Orange: this means you can pay as much towards this payment as you would like. This will then remove any remaining cost so that you do not have to pay any more towards it. You can pay either more or less than the amount stated.

You will also be able to see that some of your due dates are in grey and some of them are in red. The due dates that are marked in red are payments that are overdue and need to be paid as soon as possible.

Once you have selected all of the payments you would like to purchase you will find them listed on the right hand side of your screen. If you want to remove anything from your basket at this point, click the X next to the item. Click on the 'Make Payment' button when you are ready to check out.

The system will take you to a screen where you can enter your card details. You will have to do this every time that you want to make a payment due to security on the system. **We do not store debit/credit card details.**

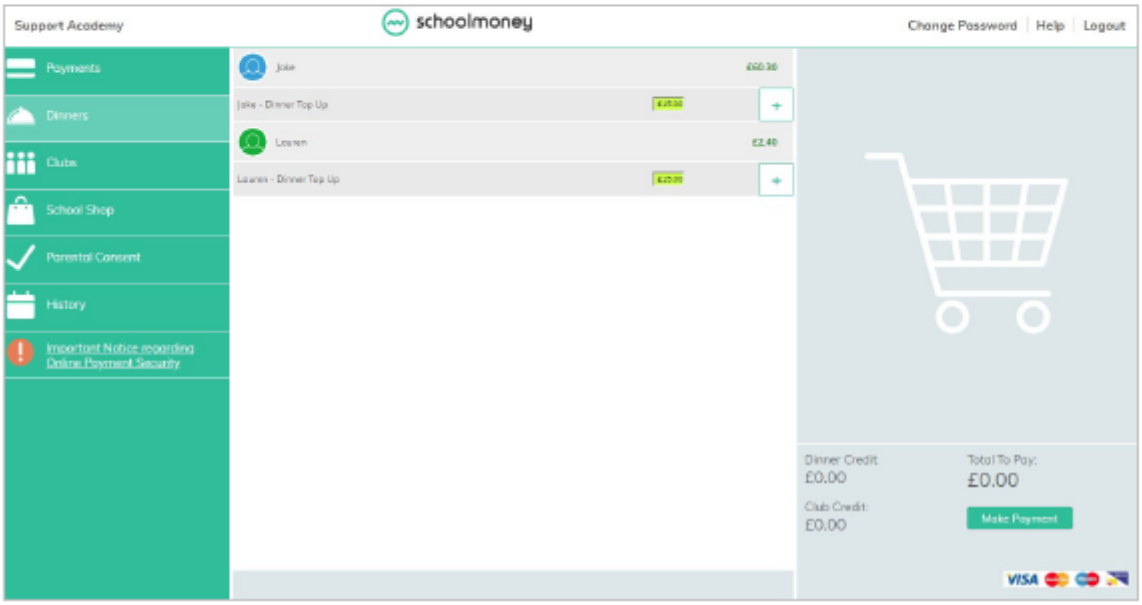


A confirmation pop up will appear once you have selected 'Pay Now' so that you know the details have been processed and you will receive an email receipt shortly afterwards.

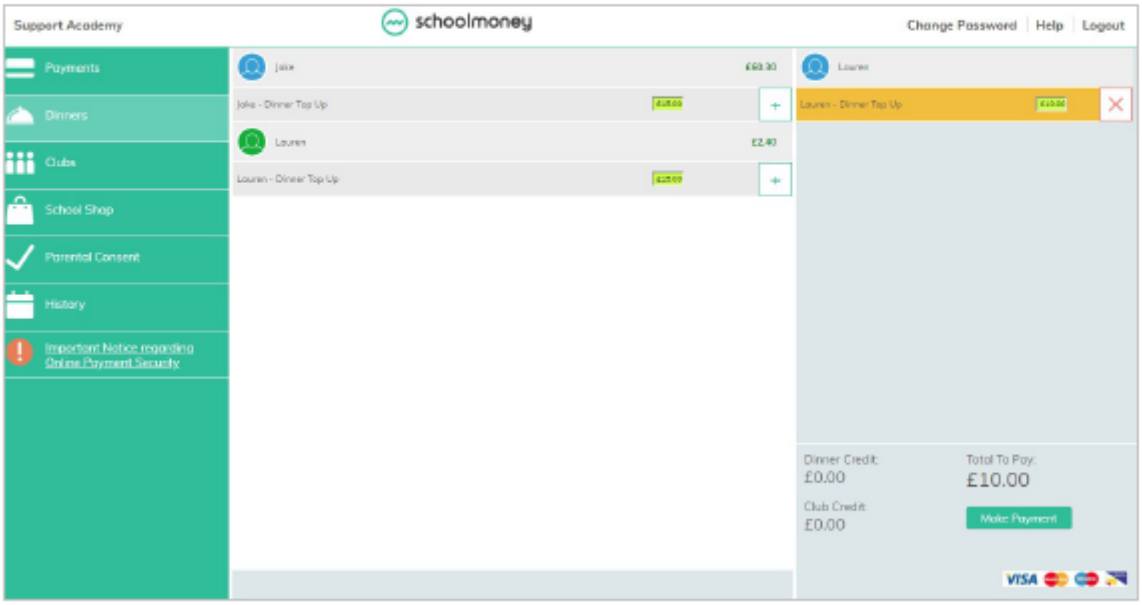
Dinner Top Up

If your school asks you to top up your child's dinner account then this will be found in the Dinners section of the options menu on the left hand side of your screen.

When you click on Dinners it will come up with a screen that shows your child's dinner balance with an option to top up below



To top up, change the cost in the green box to the amount you would like to pay and click the + sign. This will add the cost to your basket on the right.

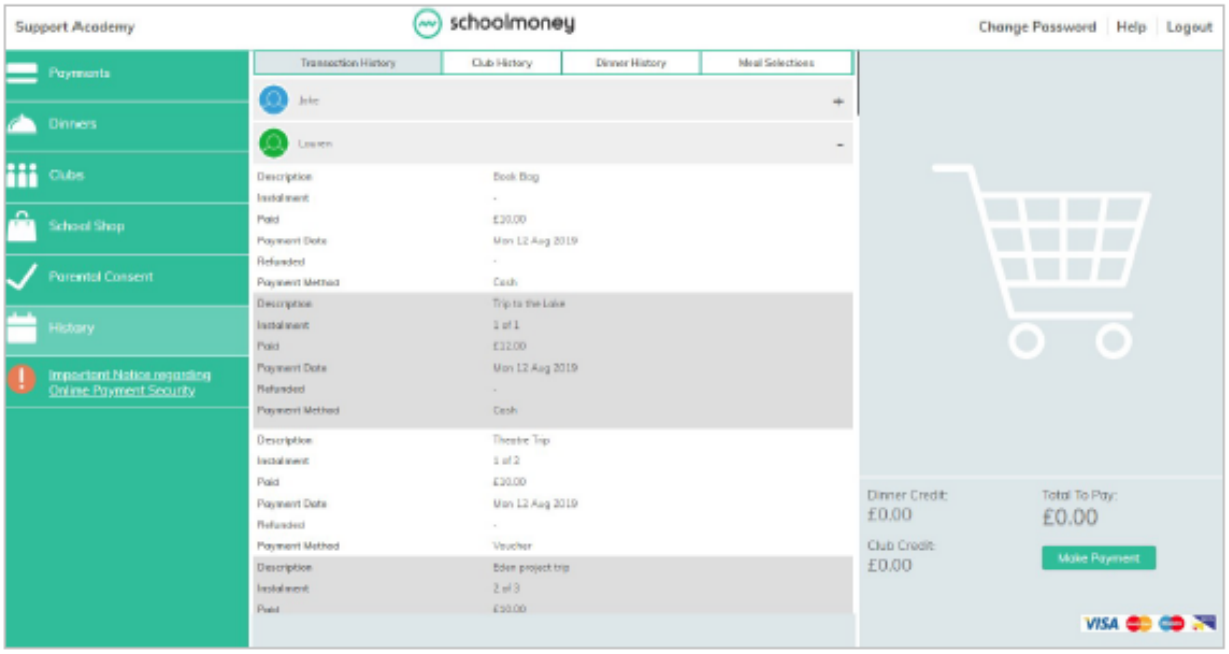


There are other options on the Schoolmoney system that Scarning Primary school does not use. These are dinner bookings, Clubs Section, School Shop and Parental Consent. Please ignore these sections.

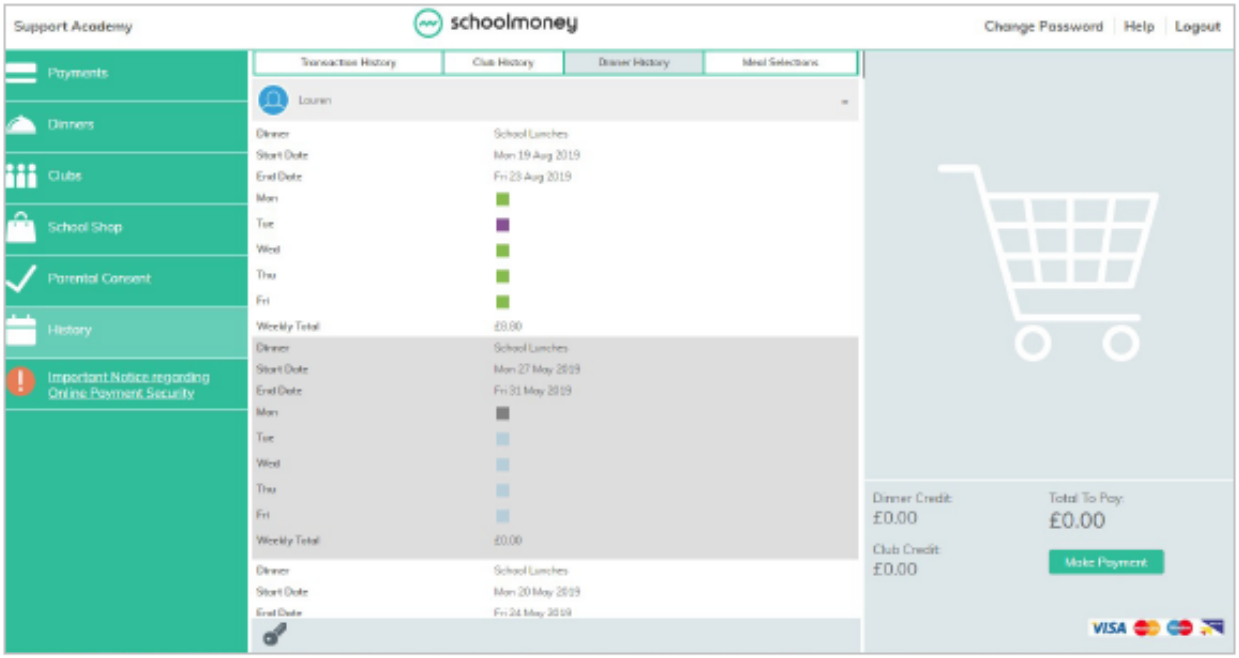
History

If you would like to know what transactions you have made or you would like to see what dinners/club sessions have been taken, you can find this in the History section.

The first tab available is the Transaction History tab. This tab gives you a breakdown of any payments you have made, whether that be by debit/credit card or by cash/cheque within the school.



The Dinner History tab will give you a breakdown of the meals your child has taken and the cost of these meals. There is also a key to help you see exactly what each block means.

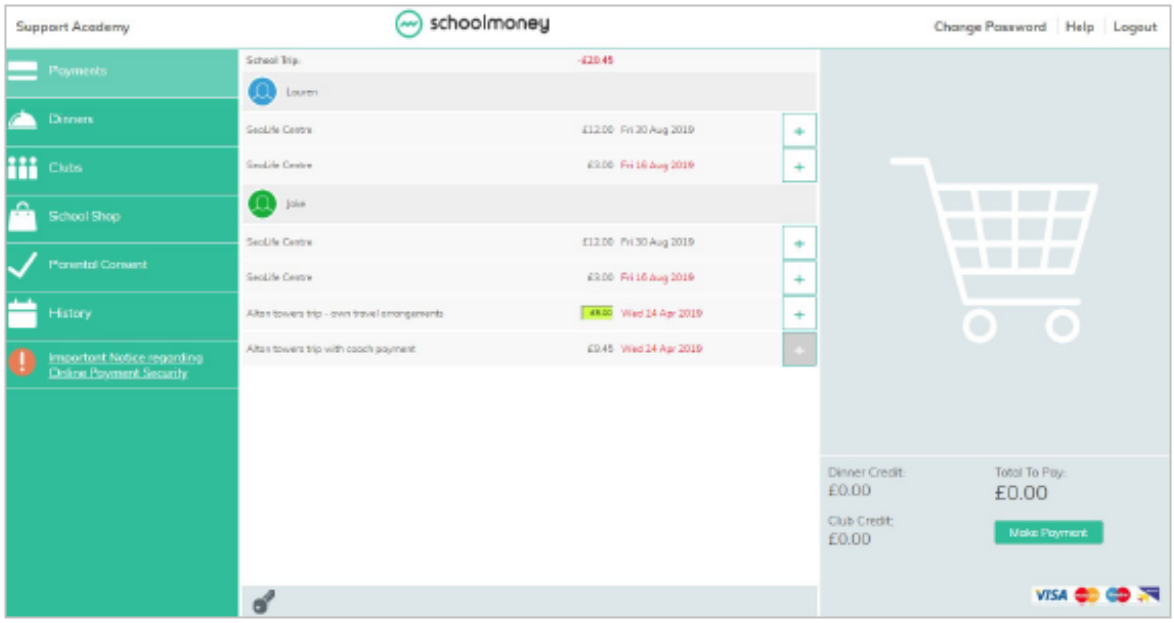


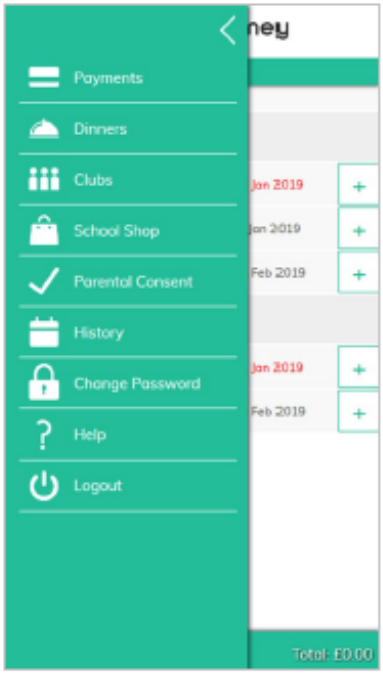
Changing Passwords

When you are sent your initial welcome message you will receive a system generated password. However, once you are logged in you can amend this password to something more memorable.

- Log in to your account with the password that the school has provided to you

- If you are using a computer you will see 'Change Password' in the top right hand corner. If you are using a mobile device, when you navigate to the menu side bar it will be listed below History

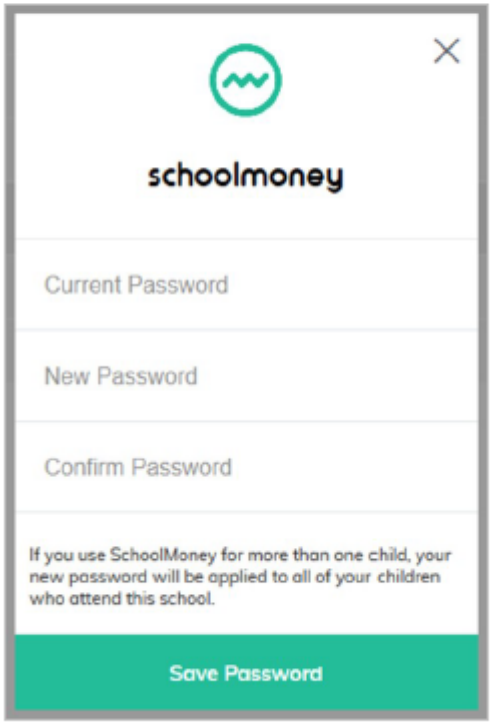




Please Note: If you have more than one child at the school; you can change the password for one student and the change will apply to all of the children who attend the school.

- A screen will pop up asking for you to type in your current password (the one that the school sent to you and then enter and confirm your new password. These passwords must include:
    - At least 8 characters.
    - At least 1 capital letter
    - At least 1 number

- Select Save Password



Forgotten password? A 'Password Reset' message can be sent to you via text message or email with a special URL that will take you to a website where you can set a new password. If you need to reset your password you will need to contact your school and ask them to send you this message.

9. FAQ

I cannot login to my account

If you are receiving the invalid Login Details error when trying to log into SchoolMoney we would advise you take the following steps:

- Check that the mobile number/email address the school has on record for you matches the details you are entering
- Ask the school to send you a reset Password link. You will then be able to change your password to something more memorable
- Make sure you are entering your child's first name only
- Try logging in with a different device
- Login with a wifi connection and not 4G
- Make sure you are not autocompleting the details. Type each section in from scratch
- Clear your history/cache on the device you are using
- Make sure that you are not keeping the website open in the background of your device. Close it completely before trying to login again

I am logging in with one child but cannot see my other children, what is wrong?

If your children attend the same school but you cannot see them when logging in, it will be because they are not linked as siblings on the SchoolMoney system. To link children as siblings the mobile numbers and email addresses need to be the same. We advise that you contact the school and ask them to check that all of your children's details match.

I have forgotten my password

A 'Password Reset' message can be sent to you via text message or email with a special URL that will take you to a website where you can set a new password. If you need to reset your password you will need to contact your school and ask them to send you this message.

I have not received a message from my child's school with the password

You will need to speak to your child's school directly and ask them to either send you the welcome message which will include your pre set password or a password reset link.

Can I change my password

When you first login to SchoolMoney you will be sent a system generated password. Once you have logged in you are able to change your password as explained on Page 16 of this guide. If you forget your password or what to reset it before you have logged in for the first time, you can ask the school to send you a password reset link.

What happens if I change my mobile number or email address?

If you change any of your contact details, you need to let the school know as soon as possible. If they do not have the correct contact details for your child then you may not be able to access your SchoolMoney account and you won't receive message updates from the school.

Does SchoolMoney store my card details when I make a payment?

SchoolMoney never stores card details, making the process of paying for your child's school items highly secure. Each time you start the payment process you will need to input your card details.

Do you offer the facility to pay by PayPal?

We do not currently offer the facility to pay by PayPal. If you would like more information on which payment methods the school allows other than online, you will need to contact them directly.

Can I access the website on multiple devices?

Yes! You can use your computer/laptop, your mobile phone or a tablet. As long as you have access to the internet, you will be able to login and pay.

What happens if I pay for the wrong thing?

If you have paid for the wrong item or on the wrong child, you will need to contact your child's school and explain to them what has happened. They will either be able to move the money as requested, or process a refund so that you can pay for the correct payment.

Who do I contact if I need help?

If you have questions or need help with anything, you must contact your school directly. They will be able to answer your questions or pass the information over to us.

I know that I am in credit and would like a refund, how do I do this?

If you can see that there is a credit on your account and you would like that money back, you will need to contact the school directly. Only the school can process this refund back to you.

Some of my costs are highlighted in green and orange, what does this mean?

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