



**ParentPay**

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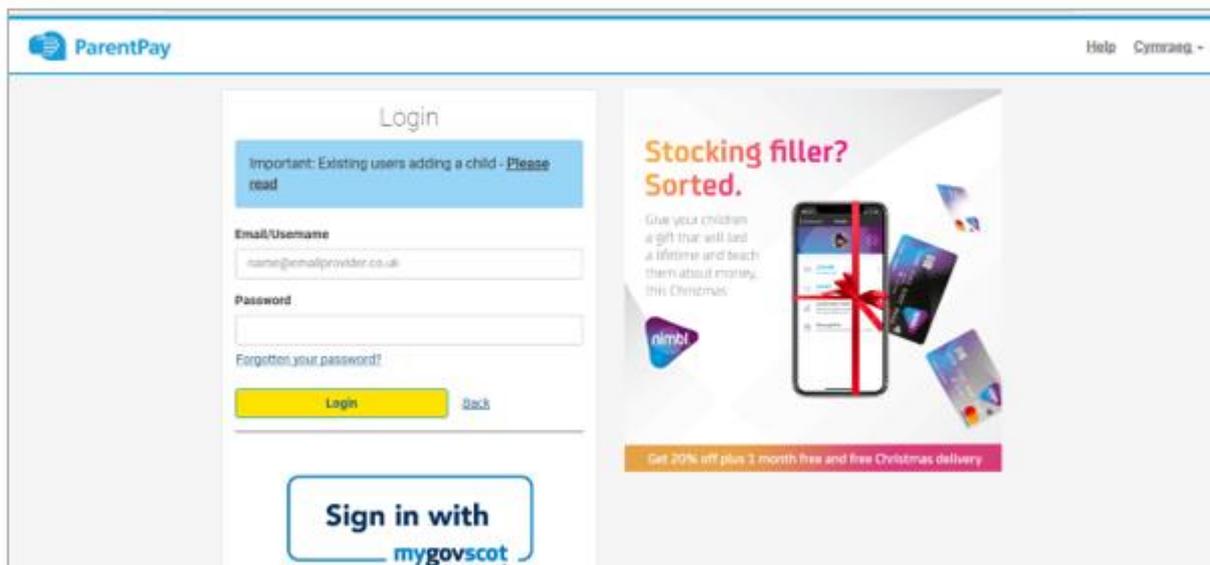
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# How to activate your account

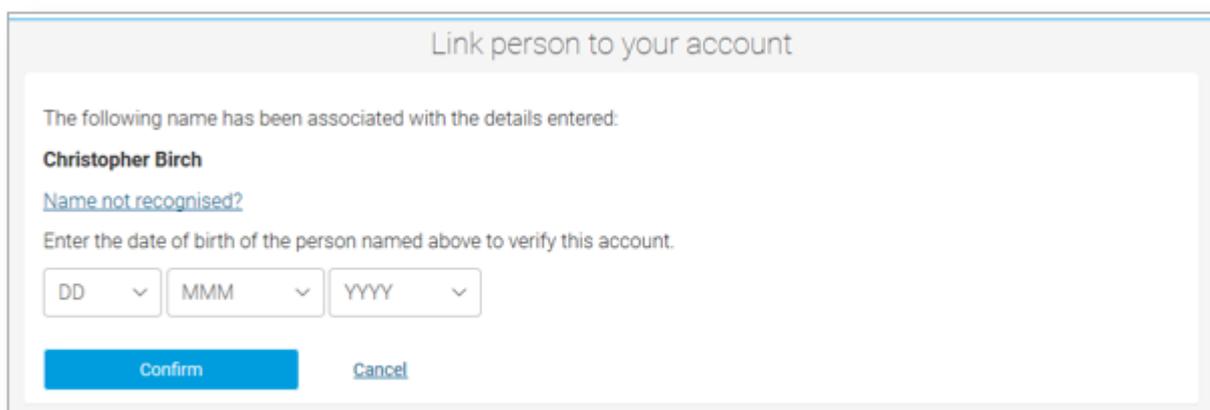
Before you can activate a ParentPay account, you will need the activation letter which is provided by your child's school. If you don't have this, please contact the school directly to request a copy.

1. Go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



2. Type in the username and password provided in the activation letter from school, be sure not to confuse the letter l (for lima) with the number one (1) and the number 0 (zero) with the letter o (for oscar).

NB The user details are case sensitive and for one-time use only. They will become invalid after account activation



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3. Confirm the details are correct and enter the date of birth for your child and click *Confirm*

**IMPORTANT: Existing users adding a child - DO NOT CONTINUE** [Please read](#)

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated

### Personal details

**Title**  
Please choose a title

**First name:**

**Last name:**

### Email address

**Username email:**

**Confirm username email:**

### Password

**Password:**

Passwords must contain between 6 and 20 characters, at least one letter and one number and are case sensitive

**Confirm password:**

I confirm that I have read, understood and agree with the ParentPay [terms and conditions](#) and [privacy notice](#)

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4. Follow the on-screen instructions to successfully activate the account. You will need to enter in their name, an email address and select a password for the account (your email address will become your username)  
Read the ParentPay terms and conditions and click in the box to accept at the bottom of the page then click *Activate account*.
5. A verification email will be sent to the user. They will need to click on the link within the email to complete the process and access their account.

# How to add a child to your account or merge accounts together

One of the key features of ParentPay is the cross-school login functionality. This enables parents or carers that have children attending multiple ParentPay enabled schools to have a single account for up to 6 children.

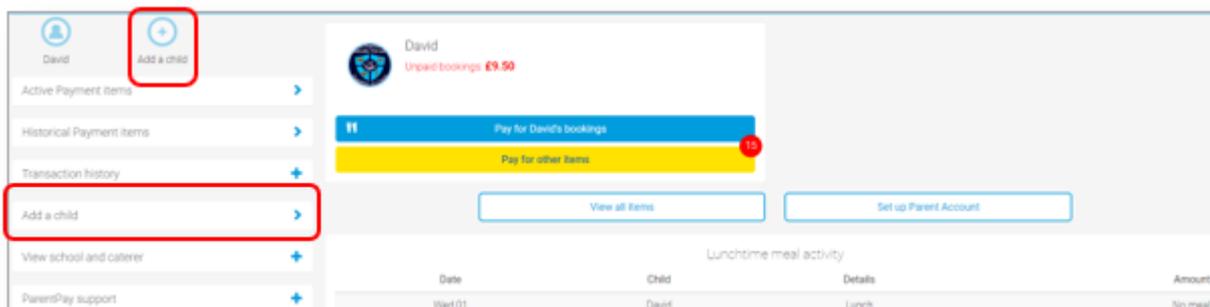
## Adding a child to your account using activation codes provided by the school

Whenever a school launches ParentPay for the first time, or a child starts at a school that is already using ParentPay, each pupil will be issued an activation letter containing unique activation codes.

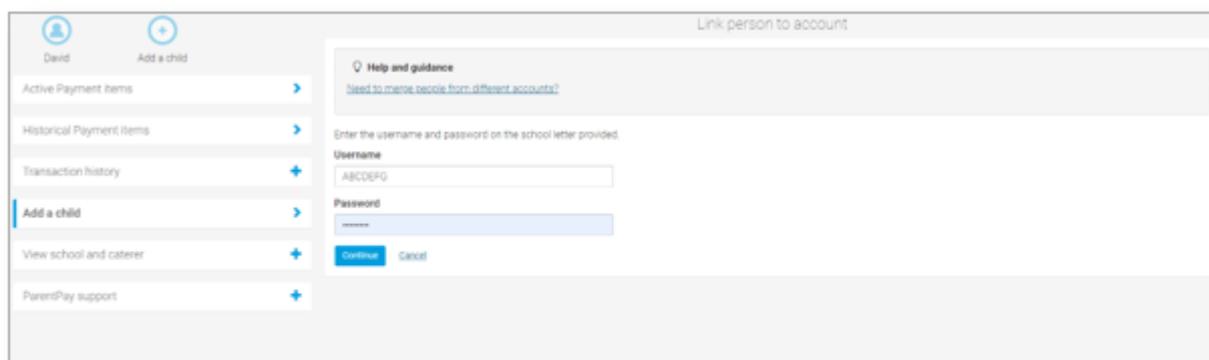
If you have never used ParentPay previously, you will need to use the codes in one letter to activate your account. (please see [Payer guidance- How to activate your account](#))

The activation codes in any subsequent letters can then be used to add a child to the original account.

1. Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log into an existing activated account.
2. If using a computer, select the **Add a child** icon from the top left of the home page or from the menu on the left

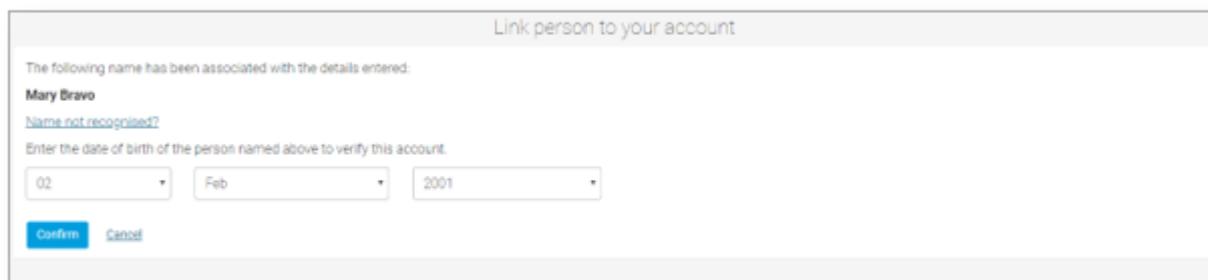


If using a smart phone, or other mobile device, select the menu icon from the top of the page, and select **Add a child**.



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Enter the activation codes exactly as written on the activation letter and select **Continue**.



Link person to your account

The following name has been associated with the details entered:

**Mary Bravo**

[Name not recognised?](#)

Enter the date of birth of the person named above to verify this account.

02 Feb 2001

Confirm Cancel

Enter the date of birth for the child you wish to add

Click **Confirm**



You will see confirmation that the child has been added successfully and you will be able to make payments for the newly added child.

## Merging two or more logins together

If you have more than one log in to payer accounts on ParentPay it is possible to merge them together providing the steps below are followed:

- Select which of the logins will be the primary account that the other(s) will be merged into.
- Ensure that the secondary account(s) have a Parent Account balance of £0.00. If there is a Parent Account balance, this must be withdrawn before the account is merged. If the balance is not zeroed before the merge is attempted, an error message will be displayed.

NOTE: Any payment history, transaction history, or Parent Account statements for the secondary account(s) cannot be accessed after the accounts have been merged. Print any reports or records that may be required for future use.

- Ensure that the total number of pupil/staff records that will be combined by merging the accounts will not exceed 6. A ParentPay parent account can currently only manage 6 pupils. If the combined total exceeds 6, an error will occur, and the merge will not complete.
- Ensure that only pupil or staff accounts will be merged. ParentPay manager accounts (used for administrating the ParentPay system) cannot be merged with pupil or staff accounts (used for making payments for meals or other items).

Once all of these points have been completed/confirmed, the accounts can then be merged

1. Log out of all ParentPay accounts.
2. Log into the primary account that will become the master account once the merge has been completed.

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3. If using a computer, select the Add a child icon from the top left of the home page.  
If using a smart phone, or other mobile device, select the menu icon from the top of the page, and select **Add a child**.
4. Enter the username and password of the secondary account that is to be merged into the master account.
5. Select **Continue**.
6. Check the details of the account to be merged, and select Confirm.  
All of the pupil/staff records from the secondary account(s) will then be transferred to the master account.

# How to pay for items

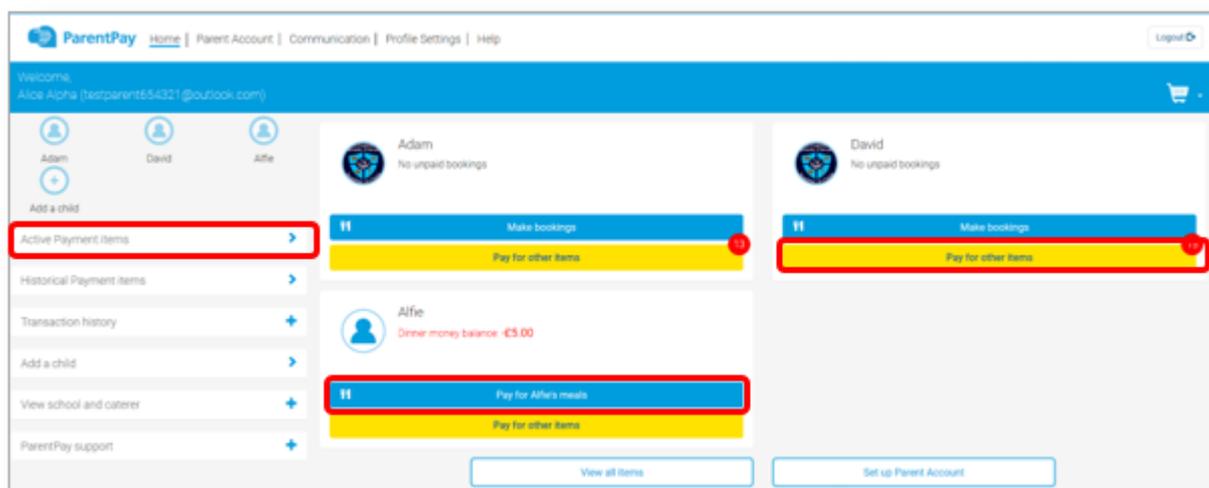
Whenever a school creates an item to pay for (such as a trip, uniform, or a club) they select which pupils or staff members to assign to the item. This assignment allows parents or carers to log into the ParentPay system and make a payment. To pay for items, please follow the steps below:

1. Navigate to **www.parentpay.com** and log into your payer account
2. Select one of the 3 options to view the items for payment

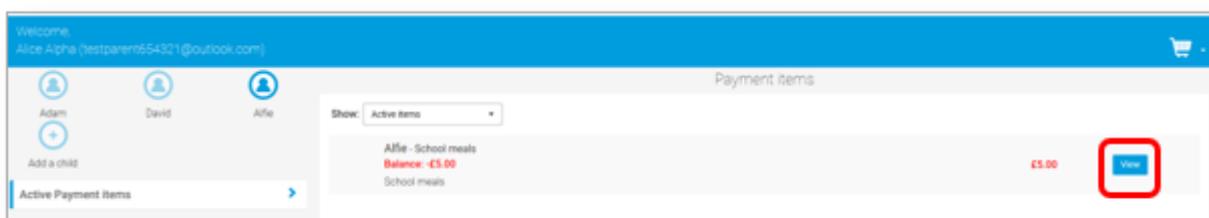
a. **Pay for <child's name="> meals** – located below the child's name in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only give the option to pay for school meals for a single child.

b. **Pay for other items** – located below the option to pay for meals in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only provide details of any items assigned this child.

c. **Active payment items** – on computers, this is located in the menu on the left side of the page. For mobile devices, this can be accessed by selecting the menu icon in the top left corner. This will list all items for payment assigned to any children or staff members linked to your payer account.



3. Select **View** against the required item for payment



4. Enter the amount to pay, quantity required, or any other requested information.

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5. You can either select **Add to basket** or you can pay via **Bank Transfer** if you have enabled this feature

The screenshot shows a payment interface for 'Alfie - School meals'. At the top right, the balance is £-5.00. Below this, there is a 'Choose payment amount' field with a dropdown menu set to '£ 20.00'. A note below the field states 'Min - £5.00 / Max - £250.00 (set by school)'. There are two main buttons: a yellow 'Bank Transfer' button with a right-pointing arrow and a 'What is this?' link, and a blue 'Add to basket' button. A 'Cancel' link is also present.

6. If you have selected Add to basket, select the basket icon in the top right corner of the screen to review the payment. You will then have the option to pay via **Parent Account credit**, **Bank Transfer**, **Visa Checkout** or **Other payment method**.

The screenshot shows the basket review screen. At the top right, there is a blue header with a white shopping cart icon and a red notification bubble containing the number '1'. Below the header, it says '1 item in basket' with a close icon (X). The item listed is 'Alfie - School meals' for £20.00. There is a link for 'How to make a charity donation' and an 'Edit basket' link. Below this is an 'Order summary' section with the following details:

Items:	£20.00
Total:	£20.00
<b>Pay by Parent Account credit:</b>	<b>-£0.00</b>
<b>Amount to pay:</b>	<b>£20.00</b>

Below the order summary, there is a 'Pay by' section with three options: a yellow 'Bank Transfer' button with a right-pointing arrow, a blue 'VISA Checkout' button with a right-pointing arrow and a 'Tell Me More' link, and a blue link for 'Other payment method'.

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NOTE: If there is any credit in the Parent Account, this will be used to pay for the items. If the total of the items to pay for is greater than the Parent Account balance, the difference can be paid by other methods

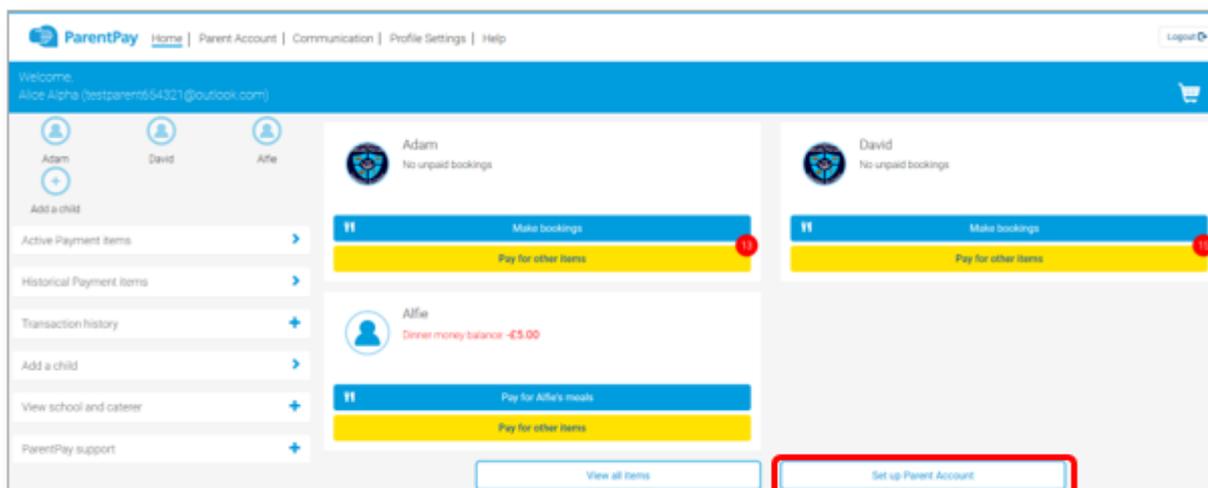
7. Complete the payment process. Once the payment has been completed, a confirmation message will be displayed

## How to add and use Parent Account credit

To allow for faster payments towards trips, school meals, clubs, and anything else schools may collect money for, ParentPay provides access to the Parent Account. You can add any amount of money into your Parent Account and use it to quickly check out and pay for items added to the ParentPay system by the school.

### Adding credit to your Parent Account

1. Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log into your account
2. Select **Set up Parent Account** (If credit has been added to the Parent Account previously, this will read **Add Parent Account credit**)



3. Select one of the pre-set amounts, or manually enter the amount in the Other amount box to top up with

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Set up Parent Account

Keep funds in your Parent Account to make paying for items faster each time you visit.  
You can pay for individual items with Parent Account credit, with just one click.  
Any available Parent Account credit will be deducted from your basket at checkout.

Add credit to Parent Account

£25.00  
 £50.00  
 £100.00  
 Other  £   
Min - £1.00 / Max - £9999.99

Payment options

[VISA Checkout](#)  
Tell Us More  
[Other payment methods](#)

4. Choose how to pay by selecting **Visa Checkout** or **Other payment method**
5. A success notification will be displayed, and a receipt will be emailed to you

### Making a payment using Parent Account credit

1. Navigate back to the homepage, and select one of the following:
  - a. Pay for <child's name=""> meals – located below the child's name in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only give the option to pay for school meals for a single child.
  - b. Pay for other items – located below the option to pay for meals in the pupil tiles in the centre of the page. This will only provide details of any items assigned this child.
  - c. Active payment items – on computers, this is located in the menu on the left side of the page. For mobile devices, this can be accessed by selecting the menu icon in the top left corner. This will list all items for payment assigned to any children or staff members linked to your payer account.
2. Select **View** against the item for payment
3. Enter the amount to pay, quantity required, or any other requested information
4. Select Pay by Parent Account

Note: If there is not enough credit in your Parent Account to cover the cost of the item, you will be prompted to add the item to your basket

5. A success notification will be displayed at the top of the screen containing your updated Parent Account balance, and a receipt will be emailed to you.

## How to set up email or text alerts

It can be difficult to keep track of balances and payments. ParentPay gives Payers the opportunity to set up email or text alerts.

Text message alerts can only be received if you have credit in your text message balance.

Charges for text alerts are deducted from the text message balance each time a text is sent.

Texts are charged at 6p each. There is no charge for email alerts.

NOTE: Text alerts will only be sent to verified mobile numbers. Email alerts will only be sent to the email address used as your username.

## Payer guidance -How parents add mobile numbers to their account

When payers provide mobile telephone numbers within their ParentPay accounts this not only allows school/s to send them SMS text message communications, but also allows them to opt in to receiving automated SMS text alerts for items such as a low dinner money balance for their child/children.

Please note: Automated text message alerts are payable by parents at 0.06p per message sent.

Text messages sent to a payer by the school, via the Communication Centre, are payable by the school and schools will be invoiced for their text message usage.

## How to change your username or password (and other profile settings)

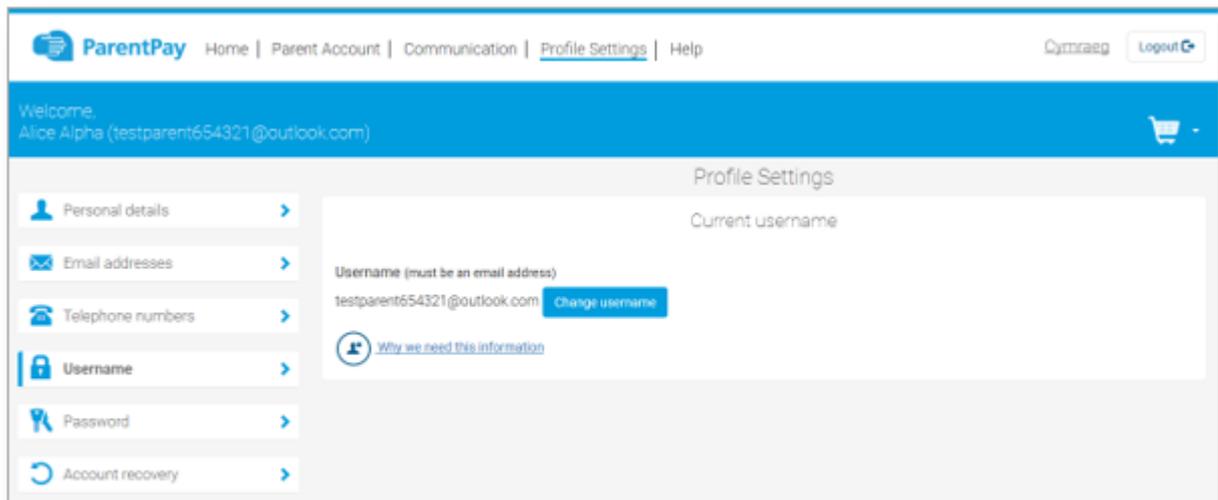
When creating your ParentPay account, it is a requirement to provide an email address which is used as your username. You will also have been required to set up your own password. It is important to keep your email address up to date so that you can continue to receive communications from your school(s) and organisations. The email address is also used if you need to change your password or log a support issue. Should your email provider ever change, it will be necessary to update your username.

NOTE: ParentPay advise that you should use a personal email address rather than a corporate email address to minimise the loss of account access when moving jobs.

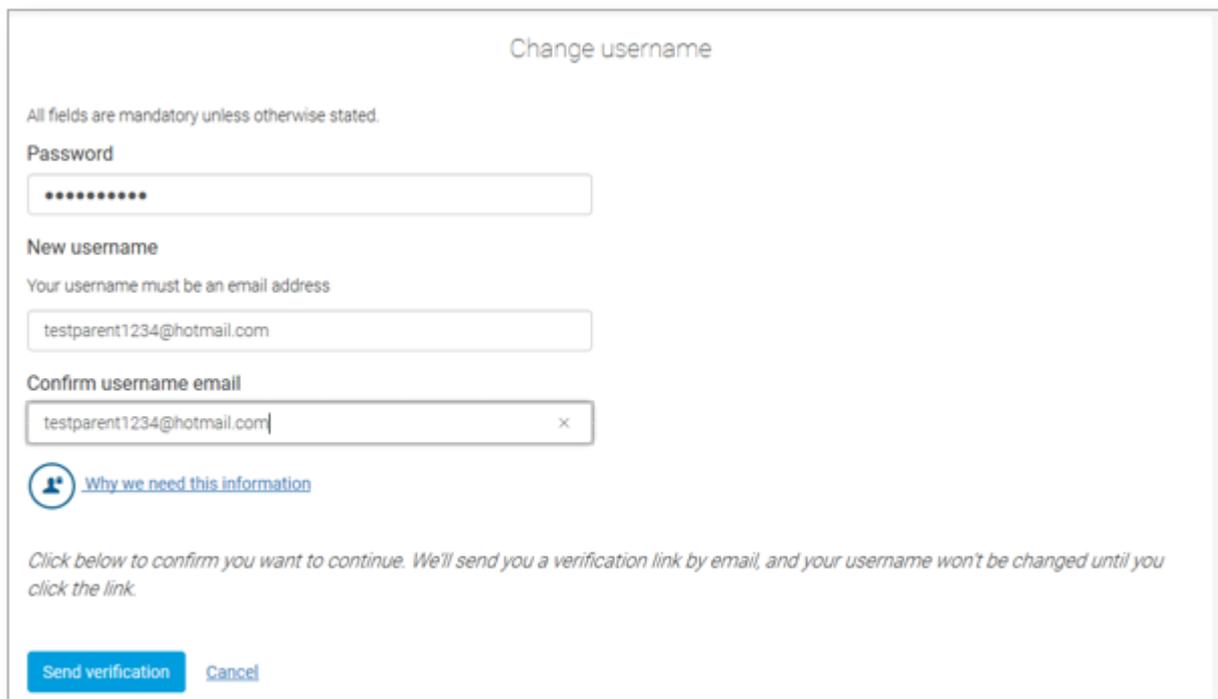
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### How to change your username

1. Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log into your account
2. Select **Profile settings > Username**
3. Select **Change username**



4. Enter the current Password, the new username email, and confirm the username email
5. Select **Send verification**

A screenshot of the 'Change username' form. The title is 'Change username'. Below the title, it says 'All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.' There are three input fields: 'Password' (with masked characters), 'New username' (with the value 'testparent1234@hotmail.com'), and 'Confirm username email' (with the value 'testparent1234@hotmail.com'). Below the fields is a link to 'Why we need this information'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Send verification' and 'Cancel'. A note at the bottom reads: 'Click below to confirm you want to continue. We'll send you a verification link by email, and your username won't be changed until you click the link.'

6. An email will be sent to the new email address
7. Open the email and click on the link to verify the email address and change the username.
8. Log into ParentPay with the new username

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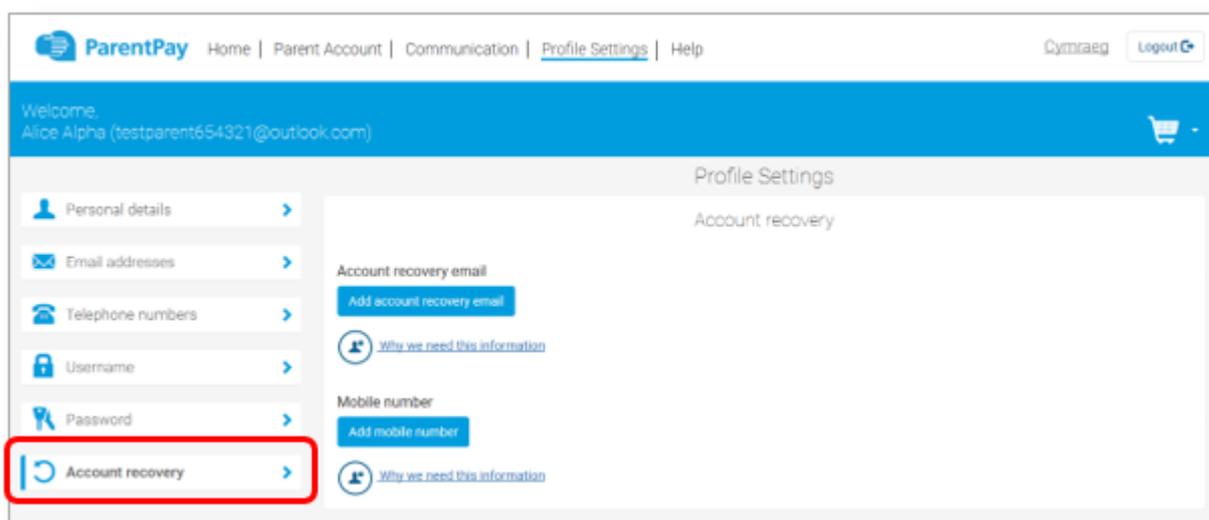
### How to change your password

1. Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log into your account
2. Select **Profile settings > Password**
3. Select **Change password**
4. Enter the **Existing password**, the **New password**, and **Confirm new password**
5. Select Save changes

### How to set an email address for account recovery

The account recovery email address is used to assist in the recovery of the account if the username is ever forgotten.

1. Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log into your account
2. Select **Profile settings > Account recovery**



3. Select **Add account recovery email**
4. Enter the current password, the new account recovery email, and confirm the account recovery email

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Add account recovery email

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

Password

New account recovery email

Confirm account recovery email

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5. Select **Send verification**

6. A verification email will then be sent to the email address entered

7. Open the email and select the link to verify the address

### How to set a mobile phone number for account recovery

The account recovery mobile phone number is used to inform you of any balance alerts that you may choose to receive. It can also be used to help you regain access to your ParentPay account if the log in details are forgotten.

The mobile phone number is shared with the school(s) that your child(ren) attend unless otherwise indicated.

1. Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log into your account

2. Select **Profile settings > Account recovery**

3. Select **Add mobile number**

4. Enter the password, new account recovery number, and confirm account recovery number

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Add mobile number

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

**Password**

**New mobile number**

**Confirm new mobile number**

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5. Select **Send verification**
6. A PIN will then be sent to the number that has been entered
7. Enter the PIN into the ParentPay site to verify the mobile number

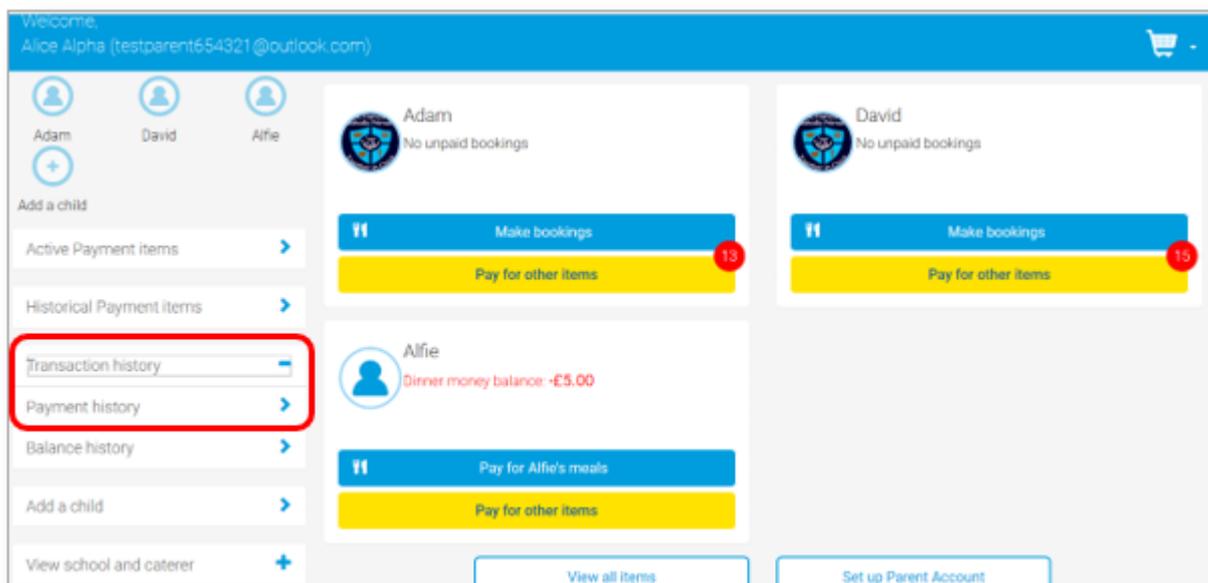
Verification PIN

Enter the PIN number you received in your text.

**Enter PIN:**

# How to view Payment History

1. Navigate to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log in.
2. Navigate to your Home screen.
3. From the menu, select **Transaction history > Payment history**.



4. Select the name of the child, the payment item, and the date range you wish to view.
5. Select **Search**

A screenshot of the 'Transaction history' search form. The form is titled 'Transaction history' and 'Payment history'. It contains the following fields:

- Name:** A dropdown menu with 'Adam' selected.
- Payment item:** A dropdown menu with 'All services' selected.
- Start date:** A date input field with '01/01/2019' and a calendar icon.
- End date:** A date input field with '03/01/2020' and a calendar icon.
- Search:** A blue button.

6. You will see a full list of all the transactions carried out during the selected period.

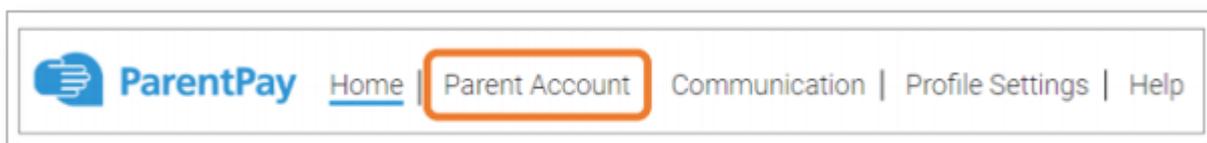
# How to make a withdrawal from your Parent Account

Your Parent Account enables you to maintain a balance within ParentPay which speeds up the process of making payments for items such as dinners or trips.

There may be occasions where it is necessary to make a withdrawal from your Parent Account, such as when a high value school trip is refunded, or when you no longer have a child attending a ParentPay enabled school.

NOTE: This process only allows withdrawals of funds already in your Parent Account. Dinner payments or trip payments need to be refunded to your Parent Account by the school before it can be withdrawn.

1. Go to [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) and log into your ParentPay account
2. Navigate to **Parent Account**



3. Your statement will then be displayed
4. Select **Withdraw** from beneath the statement



5. Enter the amount to be withdrawn. This can be a minimum of £2.00, and a maximum of the total amount in your Parent Account

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You are limited to 3 withdrawals within a 3 month period.

Withdrawal amount

£ 100.00

Min £2.00 - Max £113.70

**Make withdrawal**

6. Select **Make withdrawal**
7. Confirm the withdrawal
8. Confirmation of the withdrawal will be displayed.

Your withdrawal of £100.00 is being processed.  
Your Parent Account balance is now £13.70.

Withdrawal receipt

Withdrawals can take 5 working days and funds may be returned to more than one account.

Date	Amount	Returned to	Reference
30 May 2018	£100	VisaDebit ending in 1112	AA02-AUZJ-W7NJ-5A

Note: The withdrawal may take up to 5 working days to be credited back to the card/bank account detailed on the withdrawal screen

Note: If the withdrawal will result in amounts being credited to multiple cards/bank accounts, the confirm withdrawal notification will display what will be refunded to which cards.