

## **Canteen News:**

We are pleased to inform you that our new deck is now finished . This will serve as a great relaxing, meeting point for the children and serve as an alternative entry port for the canteen.

It will be a popular spot for the children to enjoy their snacks at break times and with the soon arrival of the new benches and tables it will be a sort after place to relax, “chilling out under the shade of the trees and enjoying the “natural” view.

This is only school in China I know of that has such a naturalistic outlook!!!!!!!

## **CARD UPDATE:**

I would like to thank you all for your support with this new system

We will go “LIVE” on Feb 22-26 meaning both cash and card payments can be used to pay for snacks and main lunch meals. This is to allow people to get used to the system before we stop accepting payments by cash.

As you can understand with any new system there are “hiccups” - it is a learning curve for my staff and I as well. We have got through a few problems already, and we hope to deal with any others without drama as the system comes up to speed.

May I suggest:

Work out your child’s budget and allow him/her to load the minimal amount for two weeks at least. This will ensure less visits to the line at accounting. I also recommend avoiding top-ups on Mondays!

A reminder! This is not a credit card. The children **MUST** place money on the card so that they can purchase goods.

If they lose their card they do not lose their money, but replacement cards after the trial ends will cost 20rmb. This is to encourage students to take care of their cards, as the effort to print, update and issue cards within a morning is quite considerable.

## **THE CARDS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE AT ANY TIME**

We systematically double check the card holder buying the goods that the details match her or his card by ensuring the photo and name match the card.

Again Utahloy wish to thank you for your continued support in creating a harmonious environment for your child

## **Canteen Prices:**

We have to announce that we have to raise the price on some items in the canteen, namely the lunch meal price and some snacks. This is due to the external rise in cost for snack items and daily commodities used in the canteen, for example sugar, flour, butter, oil, meat, fish, pork and pasta.

## **Things to take in consideration:**

- The last price increase was 2 years ago
- Our prices are still way below those of other campuses
- The increase helps us maintain food quality, product assurance and work towards our goal of environmental sustainability in line with the IB philosophy.

Warm wishes,

Matthew Fairey, Canteen Manager.