

Lancing College Ltd – Dorset House School

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Fraud awareness in respect of the payment of school fees

Fraudsters pretending to be from schools are clever and are increasingly targeting parents using emails to try and convince them to pay into their fraudulent bank account. This is affecting all independent schools in the UK. They are very clever at obtaining the names of pupils and the contact details of their parents from publicly available information or from phishing attacks on parents.

The fraudsters use information from social media, websites, data breaches etc. to put together convincing looking emails requesting funds, typically offering a discount for early payment and using the name of staff which they have obtained from other correspondence or the internet or from hacking parent email accounts by using phishing attacks.

They will send emails back and forth to you persuading you that the payment request is genuine - they may even telephone you. They can be very convincing.

They use email addresses with very similar domain names, and sometimes even showing our genuine domain name. All of our genuine email domain names end in @dorsethouseschool.com, but fraudsters can make emails look as though they are genuine domain names.

For example, recently fraudsters pretending to be Lancing College have used @lancingscollege.co.uk rather than the correct email domain name - @lancing.org.uk The fake bank account that these fraudsters set up for parents to pay into was also convincing.

In the future fraudsters will become even more convincing and clever.

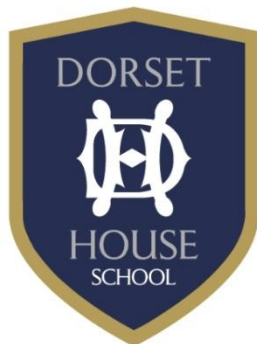
1. Our bank details are below –

Account name: Lancing College Ltd Dorset House
Sort code: 20-65-82
Account number: 03619508
Bank: Barclays Bank plc

2. We have no plans to change our current accounts so do not pay any other account for school fees. If we do ever change our account we will put the new bank details on our website. You can verify the details above on our website.

In the event Parents do receive an email from fraudsters, please forward to bursar@dorsethouseschool.com and we recommend that you immediately change the password to your email accounts.

Andrew Owens
Bursar



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