



Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our ongoing development we are moving to a biometric technology system for the purchase of food from our canteen. This new system is based on fingerprint recognition technology and offers the following advantages:

- Pupils in receipt of free school meals are not identifiable to other pupils;
- Speed up service in canteens and dining rooms;
- Pupils do not need to remember to bring anything with them to the canteen and there is nothing that can be lost;
- Costs can be reduced as, for example, there is no requirement to replace lost or damaged smartcards;
- The risk of bullying and theft may be further reduced, as there is no opportunity for pupils to steal and use other pupils' smartcards to pay for meals.

To be part of this new innovative technology you will be required to **'opt in'** by completing the below form by the 7th December. If you choose not to have your child registered on the Biometric System a 4 digit PIN code will be allocated. Please be aware that PIN codes do not have the same level of security and it will be your child's responsibility to remember the code and keep it secure at all times.

You will still be able to pay for school meals in advance, crediting your child's account with a specific amount online or by your child adding monies to their account using one of the school revaluation machines. The added benefit is that you will also be able to use Paypoint which is located in many local shops to pay in advance for your child's school meals.

Additional information has been included which should answer any questions you may have. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I/we confirm that we wish our child TO BE/NOT TO BE (please delete where application) registered on the school's Biometric Cashless Catering System with immediate effect.

I understand that I/we may withdraw my child's registration at any time in writing. Please amend details below if necessary.

Child's Name:	Form:	Name of parent and/or carer:	Relationship to child:

Signature of parent/carers

Date