

# Cashless Catering And Biometrics

## Why? The benefits

Reduces need for cash in the academy so cash cannot be lost or stolen.

Shorter queues.

Quicker meal service.

Removes free school meal stigma.

Easier for parents – pay online using 'parentpay'. ([Click here](#) for more information about parentpay)

Parents can see/have access to how their children are spending money and this encourages better eating habits.

## How do you get an account?

Sign an 'opt in' form (signed by parent) to allow the finger scan to take place.

If a parent does not want a finger scan, then a swipe card may be requested however, if lost, it will cost £5.00 for a replacement.

Register the account at the catering department

## How do you put money on the account?

Parents can pay online using 'parentpay'.

Students can top up accounts by putting cash into revaluation machines, situated in North and South Buildings.

## How do free school meals students get their meals?

Free school meal (FSM) students have an allowance of £2.20 each dinnertime added to the account. If not used then it is deducted NOT carried over.

If FSM pupils wish to top up their accounts to buy 'extras', then they may do so.

The system will always take the FSM allowance first before your own money.

The Free School meal allowance is to ensure and encourage the pupil to eat a balanced meal.

## How does it work?

Pays for breakfast, dinner and snacks.

Go to any of our 5 service counters .

Be finger scanned or swipe card (If parents Opts out of system)

Your personal account comes up, highlighting any allergies or intolerances

Staff deduct the amount you have purchased.

You are told your remaining balance.

Parents can gain access and check any items their child has purchased

Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see or contact  
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