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Dear Parent/Carer

Cashless Catering - Biometrics

Our catering provider, Chartwells, currently uses a cashless system for taking payments in our dining hall. This allows parents to top up accounts using credit/debit cards via our ParentMail system. In addition, students are also able to use any of the top up machines in school to load cash onto accounts.

The system allows a speedier service at busy meal times and also gives parents the opportunity to access ParentMail to view itemised lists of purchases.

In order to make further improvements, we are introducing a biometric system which will allow students to make purchases via a fingerprint scanner. This creates a unique digital signature for your child which may only be used by your child.

The system works by using an image of your child's fingerprint to create a mathematical algorithm which is then used by the software for identification purposes. The image of your child's fingerprint will then be discarded.

In order to ensure that your child retains access to the cashless catering system provided by Chartwells, please complete the attached reply slip and return to school by **Friday 6 March**.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H Sanderson
Health & Safety/Premises Manager

Reply Slip – Cashless Catering - Biometrics

Name: _____ **Form:** _____

I give permission for an image of my child's fingerprint to be used to create a digital signature to support the software used for the biometric cashless catering system.

Parent/Carer to sign: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing this letter, I am confirming that I have parental responsibility for the child named.