

# Biometric Cashless Catering Information

Currently the school operates an IMPACT Biometric Cashless catering system based upon fingerprint recognition for payment of school meals.

Each student has an individual account containing information already held on our school database and a numeric value based upon the scanned fingerprint image of your son/daughter. As the actual fingerprint is not stored on the system it is not possible to recreate the image for any other purpose. The School is subject to the same terms and conditions of the Data Protection Act in holding this information as we are with any other information we already hold on your child.

For your information the benefits the IMPACT Biometric Cashless System claim to have are set out below:

- Queuing time (the biggest single complaint of our students) is much reduced as no time is lost waiting for students to retrieve cards/cash from pockets or purses. The system is able to process 12 transactions per minute with fully trained operators.
- There is no distinction between paying students and those entitled to receive Free School Meals.
- Students are not penalised for using the Cashless System by having to pay to replace lost damaged or stolen cards.
- Accounts can be credited in advance.
- A comprehensive reporting system is available to parents/carers so that you could get a detailed breakdown of your child's spending.
- The system is so 'cashless' that Till Points do not have a cash drawer.
- There are two re-valuation machines around the school so that cash can be credited to student accounts before school, at break time, lunch time or after school.
- Credit of funds by cheque can take place at the main kitchen or in the School Managers office.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to [contact Mr Henderson](#).