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Dear Parent/Carer

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Cashless Catering System for School Meals

The school operates a cashless catering system in partnership with our school caterers Taylor Shaw and online payments company ParentPay.

Quite simply the system works by taking a biometric measurement from a finger, but not a finger print image. This means that it is not in any way similar to fingerprinting done by the Police!

The benefits of a cashless system are that:

- There is no way of differentiating between pupils who pay and pupils who are entitled to free school meals
- Pupils will not have to remember a PIN number or to bring a card
- There will be a reduction in queuing time in the dining hall
- No cash changes hands – food (and school trips) can be paid for either online or via the PayPoint network of local convenience stores

We would like to make it clear that we will comply at all times with the Data Protection Act and with the provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (which came into force in September 2013) regarding the use of biometric data. In order for your child to use the biometric system, one parent or guardian will need to read, sign and return the attached form. We will also offer an opportunity to opt out for those pupils who, upon consideration, would prefer to use alternative forms of identification.

Further information about biometric systems are enclosed and available on the school website where there are slides to show how a biometric measurement is created:
<http://www.hgsc.co.uk/catering>

If you would like more information or the chance to discuss this further, please feel free to contact the school office on 0114 2694801. It would be helpful if you could sign and return the enclosed consent form to school on your child's transition day.

Yours sincerely

Ms A Quaile
Headteacher

