

All Hallows Catholic High School



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Dear Parent,

I am writing to advise you that we intend to install a Cashless Catering system with fingertip identification rather than using the current catering debit cards.

Students place their fingertip on a scanner to make a payment for their food. This is their 'digital signature' which is stored as data points (similar to reference points on a map). The software then encrypts them into a set of letters and numbers which is hosted on our own school server. Nobody has access to this information and the stored data points can only be viewed as a string of numbers and letters. The software does not capture or store a fingerprint.

The information collected will be used solely for school purposes and held on the school system only. This technology is very secure and is commonly used within secondary schools across the UK.

We believe this is an important step forward for the school. Parents will still be able to top up their daughter/son's account for the purchase of food and drinks and, perhaps most importantly, no cash is involved so it cannot be lost or spent on other things. Parents will continue to have the option to limit their daughter/son's daily spend. Reports can be accessed by parents through an online payment portal allowing them to work out how much has been spent, and, on what menu items.

Legislation came into effect in September 2013 which requires permission for us to use this system biometrically. If you give consent for All Hallows to use and store biometric information from your daughter/son then please could you sign and return the permission slip attached as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr C Horrocks
Headteacher

PERMISSION SLIP

Pupil's Name..... Form..... Date.....

I.....(parent/guardian) give authorisation for All Hallows to obtain biometric information from my daughter/son to be stored for no other use than for All Hallows administration systems. Such biometric information will be disposed of when the student leaves the school and images will be stored as data points and not as fingerprint images. I understand that I can withdraw this consent at any time in writing.

Parent Signature.....



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