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Re: Cashless Catering System

Dear Parent/Carer

Oakwood School operates a cashless catering system. All students for whom we have received parental permission will have a biometric scan of their finger taken on their first day in school, or during Y7 induction week.

The finger scan allows students to purchase food and drinks from our canteen at breakfast, and lunch time, subject to funds available on their account. Accounts can be topped up either by sending cash in with your child who can add it to their account using one of the top up machines in school or via the main office, or by using the online payments system, ParentPay. You will receive a letter explaining how to activate your child's lunch account on ParentPay shortly after they start at Oakwood. Students who are in receipt of free school meals have their account credited daily with the current allowance.

In order to enable your child to make use of the system, we need your consent for the collection of the fingerprint information. If you do not provide consent your child will be allocated a 4 digit PIN code or will have to use cash which does not have the same level of security and it will be your child's responsibility to remember/look after it.

Please be reassured that when your child leaves Oakwood his/her fingerprint image will be securely deleted.

It is important that you return the signed consent form below. You can withdraw your consent at anytime in writing. If you would like to discuss this in more detail please email accounts@inspiretrust.uk.

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Pupil..... Tutor.....

CONSENT FOR THE USE OF BIOMETRICS INFORMATION IN SCHOOL

Please complete this form consenting to your child using the biometric system until he/she leaves Oakwood high School.

I give consent to Oakwood High School for the biometrics of my child (name)..... to be used as part of the recognition system described above. I understand that I can withdraw my consent at any time in writing.

Name of Parent/Carer.....

Signature of Parent/Carer..... Date.....

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Frequently Asked Questions

Why do you need to take my child's finger image?

By taking an image of your child's finger we can turn this information into a digital signature.

Can finger images be used by any other agency?

No, the software we use turns your child's finger image in to a mathematical algorithm. The image of the finger is then discarded. The information that is stored cannot be used to recreate an image of the child's finger.

What happens when my child leaves the School?

When a student leaves school all data can be deleted very easily.

How does it work?

When the child places his/her finger on the scanner, the software matches their finger image with the unique digital signature held in the database