



# Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

## School Catering – update

I am delighted to inform you that our new catering service, through Aspen's Catering Services, is now fully operational. We are delighted with how things are going so far and have already seen a significant improvement in terms of the quality of food that is on offer to our pupils at The Hub (main dining area) and the Snack Shack (our take-out facility).

Parents can pay on-line for school meals by setting up an account (accessed through our school website) or pupils can bring cash into school. As from Monday 24 September 2018 cash must be paid in through the cash validator machines in The Hub as it will not be accepted at the serving points. This will help us to reduce the queues.

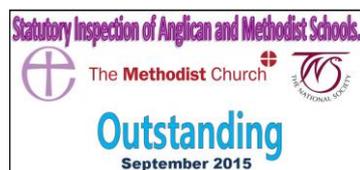
We operate a biometric identification system for which we need parental permission (further details are on our school website). If you have not already done so, could you please complete and return the attached form. Students without parental permission can be issued with a PIN number. Pupils eligible for free school meals still need to be registered on the system. We strongly encourage parents to pay on-line and to give their permission for the biometric system as these are the most secure options.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on extension 207 or Mrs T Billingham, Catering Manager on extension 231, and we will do our very best to help you.

Yours sincerely

**D Deeming (Mrs)**  
**School Business Manager**

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## CASHLESS CATERING CONSENT FORM

We require parental consent for biometric information to be processed. This is needed for all pupils, including those on free school meals. Please be assured that the information remains with the Academy and that the biometric information taken is an algorithm and not the actual finger print (further information is available on the school website). If you choose not to have your child registered the Academy will provide a four digit PIN code. The preference of the Academy is to use biometrics as this is more secure and faster than any other method of identification and we appreciate your cooperation with this.

**Please complete, sign and return this form to the Finance Office.**

I confirm that I wish for my child TO BE/NOT TO BE (please delete as applicable) registered on the Academy's Biometric Cashless Catering System with immediate effect.

I understand that I can withdraw my child's registration in writing at any time.

Child's Name	Form and Year Group	Relationship to Child
Name of Parent/Carer	Signature	Date

