



Blue Coat Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

CASHLESS CATERING

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed new caterers, Aspens, who will take over the catering service beginning in September 2018. As part of the new contract we are installing a new cashless catering system. The new system will allow us to continue with the development of the school meal service and will provide us with a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service.

This system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash throughout the day while also improving the speed of service. It is also biometric so it will recognise the thumb of your child at the revaluation pay points and at the tills. This is a secure and fast means of identification.

We will commence operating the system on 1st September 2018 and as such no cash will be accepted at the till points after this date. All students and staff will be given training on how to use the system.

Any amount of money can be paid into a pupil's account and any money spent on food and drink will be deducted on a daily basis. We have two payment options available to you online payments and coin and note payments at the revaluation pay points.

A daily 'spend list' of £10 will be programmed into the system. This can be increased or decreased for an individual student by making a written request to the school finance office.

As per current legislation, we will be operating an "opt in" policy and, therefore, require you to complete the attached form. If you choose not to have your child registered on the biometric system, a four digit PIN code will be allocated. Please note that PIN codes do not have the same level of security and it will be your child's responsibility to remember the code and keep it secure at all times. Please also note that this also applies to pupils on free school meals.

Further information about this system is available on our website. This should answer any of your questions but if this is not the case please contact Mrs D Deeming, School Business Manager.

Yours sincerely

D. Smith
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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

