

30 September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Cashless Catering System

I am pleased to inform you that we will be implementing a new cashless catering system at Hobart High School.

Our preferred method of completing a transaction will be by Biometrics, that is, the use of a thumbprint. This is a system that has been used successfully by many hundreds of schools and as a leadership team we are convinced that this is the right way forward for Hobart as it is a system that can easily be integrated into other school systems in the future such as the Library and class registration.

We expect this system to improve the services we are able to offer students and staff significantly, with benefits including:

- Reduction in queuing time
- Reduction in opportunities for bullying as there is nothing that can be stolen for use by another student
- Students entitled to free school meals will use the same system and are therefore unidentifiable.
- Funds can be credited via Wisepay from home and are available immediately.

We would like to make it clear that Hobart High School will comply at all times with Data Protection Act and with the guidance given by Becta and by the Information Commissioner's Office regarding the use of biometric data.

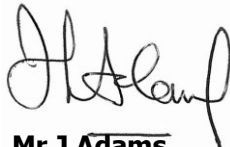
Fingerprint images will not be stored by the system (instead, a set of coordinates is translated into a string of numbers and encrypted). The encryption method used by the system is a high level, industry standard method. The data held could not be used to recreate a fingerprint image, nor could it be used in a forensic investigation. Further information regarding Biometric security can be found on our website.

The registration of students will take place on Wednesday 19 October, cash can be credited to their account via a cash loader in school at this point. The cash loader will remain in school but we strongly recommend you credit funds via Wisepay. The cashless system will go live on Monday 31 October at which time, cash will no longer be accepted for payment of food. It is therefore essential that funds are credited to your child's account prior to this date. If you haven't yet activated your Wisepay account, a reminder of your login details will be sent to you.

We will also offer an opportunity to opt out for those pupils who, upon consideration, feel that they would rather not have their biometric data recorded. A PIN will be issued as an alternative. Please return the Biometric consent form by **Friday 14 October**.

If you would like more information or the chance to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Mr J Adams
Head Teacher



Reply Slip – Cashless Catering System

Child's Name _____ Form _____

I **agree** for my child as named above to have the biometric registration

I **do not agree** for my child as named above to have the biometric registration

Please tick appropriate box

Signed _____
Parent/Carer

Date _____