

## **CASHLESS CATERING – CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS AND CARERS**

As a result of parental concerns and feedback received to date, we are hoping to change to a cashless catering system in the new year. This would allow students to pay for their meals without the need to carry cash. Instead they would use the biometric (fingerprint) scanner (or a PIN number for those preferring this approach) to buy food and drinks in school.

With cashless catering, you won't need to worry about making sure that your child has cash every day to pay for their meal. Instead, you can top up your child's account in advance and be sure that the money is being spent on school meals. You can even look online to see what your child has bought from the canteen.

You can top up your child's account online as frequently as you like but if you wished to do this less often by putting larger sums on the account, you have the ability to limit the amount spent on a daily/weekly basis. There will be a "money loading" machine in school for those that don't want to do this online.

With less need for students to carry cash, there's less chance that it will get lost. It'll be faster at the tills too which will reduce queuing times.

Students entitled to free meals will automatically have a daily allowance credited to their account, allowing them to purchase their meal in the same way as everyone else.

Allergies can be flagged on individual accounts to alert the student if they attempt to purchase something containing an item they are allergic to. Healthy eating for all students can be encouraged through a points system.

We would appreciate your views on our proposal to change to a cashless catering system. Please click on the following link to give us your views:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VTD5TNV>