

Our Ref: MSH/dw – 23 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Update to Cashless Catering System

I'm pleased to be able to inform parents and carers that we are adding a bio-metric image system to the cashless catering system at The Long Eaton School. This will work alongside the current PIN system, and is being introduced to provide students and their families the option of choosing the system most appropriate for them.

The Bio-Metric image is a unique feature to an individual. This makes the Bio-Metrics the most reliable kind of personal identification because it cannot be forgotten, misplaced or stolen.

It also provides confidence to Parents and Carers that their child's account is secure and the balance statements are accurate.

The company supplying the system, EMOS-Infineer, have developed a unique system with a mathematical algorithm which translates each student's fingerprint into a 450 digit number. This number is the unique reference for accessing each account. This information cannot be accessed by anyone outside the system, used or transferred outside the school. Each pupil will also have a unique PIN Number which can be used instead of their Bio-Metric image. The students name and photograph will appear at the catering tills to prevent the misuse of the PIN Number.

Free School Meals

Students entitled to free school meals will have their account credited on a daily basis and can be accessed with the use of the Bio-Metric image or PIN number at the Tills. Additional credits can be added by the student using the kiosks in school, or Online if required, and can be used to purchase additional items not included in the free school meal allowance, or to buy items at break time.

We are delighted to introduce this new addition to the cashless system for our students and staff to pay for their school dining menu choice. We feel that this will enhance the overall dining experience for our students and staff during break and lunch leisure time. The existing facility for parents and carers to make online payments to top-up student accounts will continue.

If you have any questions please contact info@longeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk (school office) for more information.

I would be grateful if you would complete the enclosed permission slip and return to your child's Form Tutor by Monday 10th July in preparation for the Bio-Metric image collection in September.

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Yours faithfully
The Long Eaton School



Mark Shipman
Principal

Bio-Metric Image System

Child's Name: _____

Tutor Group: _____

I, the parent / carer of the above child:

Give permission

Do not give permission

For my child to use the Bio-metric Image system for cashless catering.

Signed: _____
(Parent / carer)

Date: _____

Name: _____