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Dear Parents/Carers

As you are aware we have now moved into our brand new building. As part of the move we will now be using a new Biometric System for the canteen server, the Library and when your son/daughter is using a printer.

Put simply a Biometric system means that we take a copy of each students fingerprint, and its kept on file so that only they can use money in their account, borrow from the library and print from their account.

Questions and Answers:

1. How are students and staff recognised by the system?

By their fingerprint which is totally unique. The biometric measurement takes a part image of some of the coordinates of the fingerprint. This information is then converted, encrypted and stored as a unique number. This cannot be converted back to a fingerprint, nor can it be used by anyone else.

2. What information will the Academy hold on this new system?

Exactly the same as before plus the fingerprint. Name, learning mentor group, photo, meal entitlement and the balance of their account. All information will be handled under the guidelines of the Data Protection Act. The information will only be used for the services within the Academy (catering, library and printing) and will be destroyed when the data is no longer needed (such as when the student has left the academy).

3. How will students obtain food?

They will scan their fingers at a till point in the canteen. This will bring up their balance on the till display.

4. How do students put money into this account?

Either by cheque or by paying cash into a special box – a revaluation terminal – which will be in the canteen. Students can check their balance at any time by scanning their finger in this terminal.

We are planning to introduce a third payment method – a secure internet site accessible from the Academy's website enabling payment by debit cards. We will inform you about this in the very near future.



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5. What happens if my child is entitled to free school meals?

The money will go automatically into your son/daughters account on a daily basis.

I hope that you agree this is an exciting time and the move to the new build provides a great opportunity to embrace new technology such as this.

If you have any questions or queries regarding this new system please contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely



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