



BLACKMINSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

CASHLESS CATERING SYSTEM

Blackminster Middle School operates a Cashless Catering System. This new system provides us with a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service.

We use thumb scanning for all students as part of our Cashless Catering System. New students will be enrolled during the first week of term. As per current legislation we operate an 'Opt In' policy. To ensure the process runs smoothly, please provide consent on the online pre-admission form.

The system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for students to carry cash throughout the day thus eliminating the risk of lost money. It is also biometric, see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), so there is no need for pupils to carry a card as the system recognises the thumb of your child at the revaluation pay points and at the tills.

Any amount of money can be paid into a student's account, and all money spent on food and drink will be deducted on a daily basis.

Please pay online using Parent Pay. Details of online payments can be found within the FAQs attached. A daily 'spend limit' of **£5** is programmed into the system. This can be increased or decreased for an individual student by making a written request to the school office.

If you choose not to have your child registered on the Biometric System a 4-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.

The process of assigning new students into Biometric system takes a few days so if your child is not receiving FSM, please send packed lunch in the first couple of days of the new term.

The attached information should answer any questions you may have but if not, please contact the School office on office@blackminster.worcs.sch.uk or 01386 830311.

Yours faithfully

Ms L McQuone

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