

Wednesday 6th December 2023

RE: BIOMETRIC CASHLESS TILL SYSTEM

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the new payment arrangements in our school canteen. In order to ensure maximum efficiency when taking payment for food and drinks we are introducing a cashless system using biometrics for payment at the tills. This means that instead of paying by their ID card, your child simply places their finger onto the scanner and their ID will be verified.

(The information held is NOT a fingerprint - When a student registers their fingerprint in BioStore, no image is saved. About 50 miniscule points are recorded and the rest of the information from the fingerprint is discarded. All biometric data is stored solely on the school's servers, which are physically located within the school property. All biometric data is encrypted using AES-256 encryption algorithm and is extremely secure.)

Once the student places their finger onto the scanner, their account will be displayed and money will then be taken from their ParentPay account. If your child is entitled to Free School Meals their allocation will automatically be credited to their account every day.

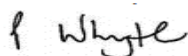
There are many advantages to the biometric system:

- a finger, unlike a card cannot be lost, mislaid or stolen. This means that you can be sure the money you allocate to your child is safe;
- students cannot use one another's account; and
- a faster service will reduce queues and enable students to have longer free time at their break/lunch times

If you do not wish for your child's biometric information to be used by the school you must object in writing to Ms Jones (Office Manager) via the enquiries email enquiries@sta.islington.sch.uk clearly stating your son's name and Year Group. Your permission is assumed if we do not receive a letter of objection by Wednesday 13th December 2023.

We will be rolling out the new system in the Spring term.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Whyte
Headteacher