



Huxlow Science College

Dear Parent/Carer

May 2017

Re: Biometric Payment System for School Meals

We use a biometric payment system for school meal payments. It uses the latest finger recognition technology. A scan of each student’s finger will be taken on their first day at school and then payments are made by using the machines outside the canteen at any time during the college day.

To enable your child to access this technology, we require certain points of a finger image to be recorded as a short string of encrypted numbers. A full image of a finger is never recorded. Typically between ten and sixty points will be recorded depending on the characteristics of the finger. This is too few to provide enough detail for the original print to be reconstructed. However, it will provide a template for the pupil to be recognised by placing their finger on a scanner each time a payment is to be made.

The template of their finger will be taken on their first day at school so they will be able to use the system.

The biometric payment system offers greater security to pupil payments as well as reducing the discomfort some students feel if they receive free school meals as they are not identifiable to other students.

To enable your child to access this technology from their first day in September, please sign and return the reply slip below giving consent. Please return your consent form during our Transition events on 30th June and 3rd July or by 14th July.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Yours sincerely

L. Gauvrit
Assistant Headteacher

REPLY SLIP: (Please return to Huxlow Science College)

PUPIL’S NAME:

TUTOR GROUP:.....

I have received information regarding the Biometric payment system. I give consent for my son/daughter to use this system.

SIGNED:

DATE:.....

PRINT NAME:.....