

Cashless Catering

The school uses a biometric cashless catering system for the processing of school meals. Instead of paying cash at the till the student accesses their account by placing their finger on a reader which brings up their photo and account balance on the cashier's screen. The cashier uses the touch screen to ring through the meal and the cost is deducted from the student's account.

Biometric data is encrypted using military grade encryption technologies (as used by national governments). Access to the system is password protected and is only available to authorised personnel. Regular backups are taken of the data. The server is physically secured in a locked room with access only available to authorised personnel.

The data will only be used for the operation of the cashless catering system. Data will not be passed to third parties. Data will be deleted from the system when a student leaves the school and will be processed according to the Data Protection Act 1998.

It is worth stating that **no image of a fingerprint is stored**, only key measurements are taken and converted into a unique number. This number cannot be converted back to any measurements or fingerprint image.

More information can be found on our website:

<http://www.hinchingbrookeschool.net/cashless>

We require consent from at least one parent to be given to use biometric information. If a parent wishes, they can withhold consent by writing to the school; letters should be addressed to the Communications Manager at Hinchingbrooke School. In such circumstances a card or PIN will be issued which can be used to top up and access the child's account in the same way as using the child's finger. Replacement cards will cost £5 each