



CHENDERIT SCHOOL

A VISUAL ARTS COLLEGE

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to announce the introduction of an exciting new cashless catering system which will further enhance the canteen facilities provided for pupils. The School's Governing body have recommended that this system is introduced. This will mean that the way you pay for food and drink will change.

The cashless catering system incorporates the latest technology and runs in conjunction with a secure biometric finger recognition system, which is already used successfully by thousands of other schools. This is explained in detail in the attached leaflet. The major benefits will include:

- Faster service and reduction in queuing.
- Reduce the need for pupils to have cash in school, preventing loss/theft.
- Improve parental control with a daily spend limit initially set to £5 for parents to adjust and control individually.
- Parents know that the money is spent in school.
- Facility to pay On-Line at a time which suits you.
- The ability to extend use of biometrics for access, registration and library service at a future date.
- Anonymity on Free School Meals.

To use cashless catering each pupil will have an account which can be credited by one of these three options:

- Parentpay: Our preferred secure on-line 24/7 payment option, which not only gives parental spending control, but also reports when and how this is being spent. If you have not accessed your account yet, we have enclosed a leaflet and letter with your access codes. Current users will simply continue to use your account and will find an additional option to credit dinner money.
- Cheque.
- Cash for which pupils will be responsible to credit their account via a revaluation unit.

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No cash will be accepted at the servery counter although it may still be used at the vending machines.

To enable you and your child to benefit from the biometric system, one parent or guardian will need to sign and return the attached consent form. **We would like to emphasize that Chenderit School will comply at all times with the Data Protection Act and with the provision of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 (which will come into force in September 2013) regarding the use of biometric data.**

If you choose not to have your child registered on the Biometric System they will be provided with a card system which can be topped up using the same options.

We anticipate going live from 1st July 2013 and further notification will be sent to confirm this allowing adequate time for your child's account to be funded.

Please feel free to contact the School Finance Dept by e-mail or telephone should you require further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tyrer', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr G Tyrer
Headteacher