



Painsley Catholic College

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Cashless Catering

Following the very successful transition to our new catering provider, City Catering, in October last year, we will be continuing the development of our catering provision by becoming cashless. Many of you will be familiar with cashless catering as it is used widely in our primary schools. There are a number of benefits to this system for all parties:

- Students will not have to bring money to school
- Students will be able to move through the canteens more swiftly when making purchases
- Parents will not have to provide change each day for school meals
- Parents can transfer money onto their child's ParentPay account at regular intervals – reminder messages will be sent when the balance is running low (Sixth Form students will also be able to credit their own ParentPay account)
- Staff will no longer have to count and bank money at the end of each lunchtime

As we have over 1300 students on our lower school and sixth form site, the most practical route to ensure efficiency is by using biometrics i.e. finger print/facial recognition for students at the tills. At Painsley Catholic College we take data protection very seriously and we are satisfied that there are safeguards in place to secure this data through encryption and safe storage. Attached is a consent form which explains exactly what biometric recognition is and how it works. We will also be updating our privacy notices to reflect that we are collecting sensitive data.

We are currently in the early stages of setting up our cashless catering and more work will be done in the next few weeks to install new tills in the canteen areas. However, to ensure that we are ready for the change-over we are requesting that you provide consent now. If you do not consent, there are still ways in which your child can be identified in order to link them to your ParentPay account. Further details will be sent out prior to the change-over.

We ask that consent is returned either on consent form (to be put in Emmaus trays) or via ParentPay by 26th January. We do encourage all parents to give consent to enable us to provide an efficient and effective catering provision. If you have any questions please email office@painsley.staffs.sch.uk with 'Cashless Catering' in the subject line.

Kind regards

Mrs Waugh

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