

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Cashless Catering System**

We consulted a while ago and we are pleased to announce that we are now in a position to install a cashless catering system in June. The new system will allow us to continue with the development of the school meal service and will provide us with a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service. It will also provide you with information on the food and drinks that your child is buying each day.

This system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for students to carry cash throughout the day. It is also biometric (see FAQs on the Bishop Fox's website), so there is no need for students to carry a card as the system will recognise the thumb or fingerprint of your child at the revaluation pay points and tills.

We will commence operating the system on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at breakfast and as such no cash will be accepted at the till points from this time. All students and staff will be given training on how to use the system.

Any amount of money can be paid into a student's cashless catering account and money spent on food and drink will be deducted on a daily basis.

We have two payment options available to you – online payments or coin/note payments at the cash loading machine which is being installed in the school canteen. All payment options are explained in more detail within the FAQs on the Bishop Fox's website.

A daily 'spend limit' of £5.00 will be programmed into the system. This can be increased or decreased for an individual student by making a written request to the school Finance Office.

We require the consent of at least one parent in order that the biometric information of your child can be processed. Please be assured that this information remains within the school and that the biometric information taken is an algorithm, not the actual finger print. This is the same system our library uses so we will use this one form for consent for both.

If you choose not to have your child registered the school will provide a 4-digit PIN code as an alternative method of identification. The preference of the school is to use biometrics as this is more secure and much faster than any other method of identification.

Please complete and return the form below by 28<sup>th</sup> May to Miss Teague c/o Reception. This form can also be emailed back to the school using the email address [HTeague@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:HTeague@educ.somerset.gov.uk).

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**MRS K ROBERTSON  
BUSINESS MANAGER**

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**CASHLESS CATERING**

*Please return this form to Miss Teague c/o Reception by 28<sup>th</sup> May*

Student's name ..... Form .....

\*I give permission for biometric information regarding my child to be taken by the school

Signed ..... Date .....  
Parent/Guardian