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Using Biometric Information for School Meals

Alder Community High School is a cashless school. Parents add funds to their child's account via ParentPay, which students then use to pay for meals, drinks and snacks. We'd like to use your child's fingerprint to make accessing their account quicker and easier at the till.

What is biometric information?

Biometric information is data about someone's physical characteristics that can identify them – in this case, your child's fingerprint.

How we'll use it

Your child's fingerprint will be used to access the cashless catering system. When your child wants to buy food or drink, they'll simply use their fingerprint instead of having to remember a PIN or carrying a card. The system converts the fingerprint into a digital template (not an actual image), which is stored securely and used only to access their meal account.

Your data is protected

We follow strict rules when handling personal information:

- We'll only use the fingerprint to access the catering system
- The information is stored securely
- We won't share it with anyone else unless required by law

Your consent matters

We need at least one parent's consent before we can use your child's biometric information. Please talk to your child about this – they have the right to say no if they're uncomfortable. If you or your child prefer not to use the biometric system, we'll provide another way for them to access their account to pay for meals, drinks and snacks.

When we delete the information

When your child leaves the school or stops using the system, we'll securely delete their biometric information in line with our Data Retention Policy.

Questions? Please contact the school office – we're happy to help.