St. Patrick's Grammar School

Cashless Catering System – Biometric Recognition

The Catering Department in St. Patrick's runs a cashless system. This system enables students to pay for their food in the dining hall from funds they have loaded onto an account stored on stand-alone school computers.

The system uses biometric recognition to identify students' personal accounts. It records the blood flow through the right index finger to uniquely identify each student. This system does **not** use fingerprint recognition and cannot be used outside the school. Certain data will be held on the system to enable accurate operation. This will include the student's name, Form Class, account balance and meals entitlement. This data will be handled under the guidelines of the Data Protection Act and will not be shared with any third party. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact the bursar's office for more information.

Parents can also send cheques to the school to add to student accounts and can elect to have a daily limit applied to an account, restricting the amount a student can spend each day. We would ask that your child/children's name and Form Class are written on the back of each cheque for identification purposes, and if you wish us to apply a daily limit, please note this on the tear-off slip below.

CASHLESS CATERING SYSTEM
(* Delete as appropriate)

I, the parent/guardian of _____ give permission/*do not give permission for my child to use finger vein identification for the cashless catering system in St. Patrick's Grammar School.

I *wish/*do not wish to place a restriction of £_____ per day.

Signature of parent/guardian:_____ Date_____