

Our Ref: SS/SJW/Cashless Canteen

May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Cashless Catering System

We are pleased to announce that Ashlawn School's canteen operates a 'cashless' system.

The cashless system we have purchased is a biometric (fingerprint) system.

The students' fingerprints will be scanned in September and then converted to a mathematical algorithm to be stored on our system. They are not stored as a fingerprint.

You will be able to load your child's account in the following ways:

- Parentpay is the preferred way to pay for school meals. Login details to be provided upon receipt of the Transition Form.
- Cash given to your child for them to load their accounts via the cash machines located in the Dining Hall. Catering Staff will accept cash handed to them for **September** only.
- Cheques made payable to Ashlawn School must be handed in to the canteen staff.

Currently, students who are entitled to Free Schools Meals (FSM) have their account automatically credited with £2.50 per day. This amount, provided to us by the County Council, enables the student to purchase the daily 'meal deal' which consists of a home cooked meal and dessert. FSM students will use their account in the same way as all students to get their food. This amount may change in the forthcoming academic year. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals please click this link www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals any queries regarding Free School Meals please contact Warwickshire County Council

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Costello

Catering Manager