

Dear Parent

Re: The Live Date for the new Cashless System is: September 2021

We are pleased to announce that Eastlea Community School is installing a cashless catering system in **September 2021**. 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.

This system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash throughout the day thus reducing the risk of bullying or loss of money. It is also biometric (see FAQs) so there is no need for pupils to carry a card as the system will recognise the thumb of your child at the revaluation pay points and at the tills.

We will commence operating the system on **3rd September 2021** and therefore **no cash will be accepted at the till points after this date.**

All students and staff will be given training on how to use the system.

Any amount of money can be paid into a pupil's account, and any money spent on food & drink will be deducted on a daily basis.

We have two payment options available to you – online payments, or card payments at reception. All payment options are explained within the FAQs ([Click here for FAQs](#)).

A daily 'spend limit' of £2.50 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.

As per current legislation we will be operating an 'Opt In' policy and therefore require you to complete the consent form [here](#) . If you choose not to have your child registered on the Biometric System they will keep their current school meal card. Please note that the school meal card does not have the same level of security and it will be your child's responsibility to keep it secure at all times.

Yours sincerely



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