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Dear Parents/Carers

Fingerprint biometrics is coming to Outwood Academy Hasland Hall

We're excited to announce that fingerprint recognition (biometrics) will soon arrive at Outwood Academy Hasland Hall, which will offer a fast and straightforward payment experience for school meals, the registration and authentication process.

It's important to us that everyone in our academy community, including parents, carers, and students, are well-informed about this new development and have all the information needed before opting to use this new service.

This document contains detailed information about fingerprint biometrics, how it works, how we will use the software, and most importantly, the benefits for our students.

Why Outwood Academy Hasland Hall is introducing fingerprint biometrics:

The academy continuously strives to improve students' authorisation and transaction experience. Students with consent to use fingerprint biometrics can eliminate the need to remember passwords or carry physical identification cards and benefit from a simple and safe authentication process.

Fingerprint biometrics works in the same way as other recognition technology. Like a PIN, a unique identifier is attributed to each student and matched for a quick and secure authorisation process.

How it works

Consent: Students must opt-in to use fingerprint recognition before a fingerprint scan is taken. The biometric fingerprint scanner captures the unique trait (e.g., it takes an impression of the fingerprint). This fingerprint impression is not retained, stored, or distributed to third parties.

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Capture: During checkout, students place their fingers on the fingerprint scanner. In seconds, the system reads distinctive fingerprint features and processes them through an algorithm, which turns the fingerprint into a unique string of characters, serving as the students' unique identifier. This unique identifier is stored on a secure, encrypted database within the school and is used to verify students' accounts at the checkout.

Authentication: The student's unique identifier securely matches the live fingerprint to their cashless account, and the transaction can now occur.

Implementation

We will be going live with biometric authentication from **26 February 2025**.

Parent Pay Platform

We will be moving from our current provider, Parent Pay, over to iPay. It works in a very similar way and balances from Parent Pay will be transferred over to your new account in iPay. This will allow you to continue to pay for all academy related items, such as school meals, equipment such as planners, uniform items(ties) and much more. Further details on how to register for the new service will be provided shortly. Once the information is received, you will need to register with iPay and upload funds in readiness for the **'live' date of 26 February 2025**.

Our Biometric Policy can be found via our website, [here](#).

What happens next? We need your help.....

- Please complete [this form](#) to give / not give consent in relation to fingerprint biometrics **by no later than 12 February 2025**
- Provide / update any food allergy information about your child(ren)

If you have any questions in relation to the new system, please do not hesitate to contact us via enquiries@haslandhall.outwood.com.

Yours faithfully



Helen Atkins
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