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22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

We are pleased to announce that we are installing a cashless catering system in June 2024 enabling us to offer a more efficient service.

This system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash. 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 each child at the revaluation pay points and at the tills.

**We will commence operating the system on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 and no cash will be accepted at the till points from 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 using Parent Pay, and any money spent on food and drink will be deducted on a daily basis.

We have two payment options available to you – online payments and coin and note payments at the revaluation pay-point. **Please ensure that you have activated your account with Parent Pay.** All payment options are explained within the FAQs attached.

A daily 'spend limit' of £5.00 will be programmed into the system. This can be increased or decreased for an individual student by making a written request to the school.

As per current legislation we will be operating an 'Opt In' policy and therefore require you to complete the attached form. If you choose not to have your child registered on the Biometric System a 4 digit PIN code will be allocated. Please note that PIN codes do not have the same level of security and it will be your child's responsibility to remember the code and keep it secure at all times.

Please contact [info@porthcawlschool.co.uk](mailto:info@porthcawlschool.co.uk) with any queries.

Yours sincerely

M Stephens  
Headteacher

## The Live Date for the new Cashless System is: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

We require the consent of at least one parent / carer in order that the biometric information of your child can be processed.

Please be assured that this information remains within the school and that the biometric information taken is an algorithm and not the actual fingerprint.

The preference of the school is to use biometrics as this is more secure and faster than any other method of identification and we appreciate your co-operation. If you choose not to have your child registered the school will provide an alternative method of identification - 4 digit PIN code.

**Please complete and sign the form below and return to your child's form tutor  
no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024.**

**To:** Porthcawl Comprehensive School

I/We confirm that we wish our child / children TO BE/NOT TO BE **(please delete where applicable)** registered on the school's Biometric Cashless Catering System with immediate effect.

I understand that I/we may withdraw my child's registration at any time in writing.

Child's Name	Registration Group	Relationship to Child
Name of Parent/Carer	Signature	Date