

# Cashfree Catering at Chesterton

Here at Chesterton Community College we operate a Cashfree catering service.

The intended benefits of cashfree catering are:

- faster canteen service with less queuing time
- more free time for students at break and lunch
- students will not have the responsibility of bringing money into school for food and drink
- parents and carers can be reassured that the money you are giving for food will be spent in school on healthy meal options (as opposed to fizzy drinks and sweets on the way into school!)
- Information for parents about what your child is buying and the balance remaining on their account.
- Cashfree catering gives students anonymity; meaning that those on free school meals or those who spend a little less on lunch than their peers will not be 'seen' in this system.

All students will have a pre-paid catering account. You have 3 options for paying money into the account:

- simply visit [www.parentpay.co.uk](http://www.parentpay.co.uk) and follow the on screen instructions. Soon after your child joins the College you will be issued with a username and password for this service. We have chosen to use Parentpay as our pay partners as the method of payment is secure, quick and convenient
- you can use cheques made payable to Chesterton Community College; on the reverse of cheques you should include your child's name and tutor group. Cheques should be in a sealed envelope clearly labeled with your child's name and 'Lunch Money' and deposited in the Finance Letterbox.
- Paypoint payment cards are available for those who do not have access to the internet or do not wish to send in cheques. Please contact the Finance Office if you require one of these cards.

New students will be enrolled onto the system when they join the College. The method of recognition which Chesterton has chosen is Fingertip Scanning. This is the latest in secure technology and unlike other biometric methods **does not store any personal identity data on the system**. Each student's finger will be scanned and a unique number will be recorded and scrambled. This process takes a few seconds. They will then simply place their finger (again for a few seconds) on the reader when they come to pay for their purchases in the canteen. The reading is very accurate, more accurate than other methods we have investigated. The process is completely safe and secure.

The consent of parents/carers for the College to use a student's biometric information is requested on the Admission Form. Students whose parents/carers do not consent to the use of biometric data will still have a cashless catering account; this will be accessed by the till operator typing in the student's name.

Should you have any queries regarding this system please contact Ms H Coppin, by telephone on 0845 0920375, (01223) 712150, ext: 159, by e-mail ([hcoppin@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:hcoppin@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk)) or by letter to the College.