

WEST HILL SCHOOL


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Dear Parent/Carer,



From Monday 13th June 2016 Harrison Catering will be operating a cashless catering system at West Hill School. Therefore no cash can be accepted at the till points in the school dining room.

This new system offers many advantages to pupils, parents and staff, enabling Harrison Catering to deliver a more efficient, faster service and to continue to provide wholesome, healthy and enjoyable meals. Each pupil has an individual ParentPay account and funds can be added either online via the ParentPay website, at any local store where the  PayPoint logo is displayed or at the "top-up" machine situated within the school dining room.

There is a daily spend limit which will be pre-set at £3.50 which can be changed. Balances can be checked either on line through the ParentPay system or by pupils on the Balance Checker machine in the School dining room.

Pupils that qualify for free school meals will also use the new system. Their accounts will automatically be credited with the value allocated for free school meals each day, which the pupils can then spend in the normal way at lunchtime. These pupils can also "top-up" their balances if required to enable them to purchase a snack before school or at morning break.

Access to the new system is via the Impact Biometric System. A scan of the pupil's finger will be taken, and turned into a digital signature. This will then be used to recognise the pupil. It is impossible to reconstruct the image of a fingerprint from the information held on the system. When a pupil places their finger on the scanner the software matches the finger to the unique digital signature held in the database.

Should you have any questions regarding the cashless system please do not hesitate to contact ParentPay@westhillschool.co.uk for advice.



Features of the Cashless Catering System

- Convenience of paying for school meals. No more looking for change every morning.
- Specific food allergy ingredients can be barred automatically.
- Healthy eating is encouraged.
- Queuing times are reduced through increased speed of service.
- Automatic free meal allocation means the pupils can remain anonymous.
- Detailed reports can be obtained to analyse all aspects of the use of the system.
- Pupils having control of their accounts teaches important life skills.
- A more efficient delivery of service helps Harrison Catering provide wholesome, healthy and enjoyable school meals at a low cost.
- Discourages the misuse of school dinner money, through spending in shops outside of the school grounds.
- Alleviates many of the associated problems with the use of cash in schools e.g. loss.

Next Steps

- Please complete the consent form below and return it to school by Tuesday 10th May 2016.
- Registration for all pupils and staff will take place during the week commencing 23rd May 2016.

Yours Sincerely



AF Harrison
Headteacher.

Consent Form:

I consent to my son being included in the Impact Biometric registration process

Name of Pupil	
Form	
Name of Parent/Guardian	
Signed	

Please return completed forms to the school reception office by Tuesday 10th May 2016.

