Impact Biometrics at

The Midland Academies Trust

We are pleased to announce that the Catering Services within The Midland Academies Trust operate a cashless bio metric system. The system has many advantages including:

- Students are fed very quickly and efficiently
- Queuing times are significantly reduced
- Anonymity for students entitled to a free school meal.
- The potential to block the sale of specific foods for those students with dietary or allergy requirements.





Biometrics and Security

Students, parents and staff can rest assured that the fingerprint images cannot be used by any other source for identification purposes. The system uses an image of the fingerprint to create a mathematical algorithm and then discards the fingerprint; only the numbers remain and these cannot be reinterpreted back into a fingerprint image.

Methods of payment:

All cash has to be entered onto the system by the student using the relevant cash terminals – no cash will be taken by canteen staff.

Alternatively, cheques can be made payable to The George Eliot School and placed in the post box provided in the dining area. Please write the full name of the student and tutor group on the back of cheques.

Students who are entitled to a free school meal will have their daily allowance automatically added before lunch service.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do you need to take my child's fingerprint?

By taking an image of your child's fingerprint we can turn this information into a digital signature. This unique reference will then be used instead of a swipe card

Can fingerprints be used by any other agency?

No, the software we use turns your child's fingerprint in to a mathematical algorithm. The image of the finger print is then discarded. The information that is stored cannot be used to recreate an image of the child's fingerprint

What happens when my child leaves the School?

When a student leaves school all data will be deleted.

How does it work?

When the child places his/her finger on the scanner, the software matches their finger print with the unique digital signature held in the database

