



The
**Bulmershe
School**
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Dear Parent/Carers

Biometric “Fastrak” Cashless System

The Bulmershe School operates a student recognition system using biometrics to access its highly successful catering offer. The cashless catering system is fast and efficient and has supported the growth and popularity of the CUCINA cuisine.

The ‘Fastrak’ cashless system has improved the services we are able to offer to our students and staff significantly, with benefits including:

- Improved security for handling cash transactions in the school
- Reduction in opportunities for bullying as there is nothing that can be stolen for use by another student
- Children will not have to remember to bring money to school
- Reduction in queuing time
- Reduction in administration time

We would like to make it clear that The Bulmershe School will comply at all times with Data Protection Act and with the provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 regarding the use of biometric data. **In order for your child to use the biometric system, one parent or guardian will need to read, consent by email or sign and return the attached form.** We will also offer an opportunity to opt out for those pupils who, upon consideration, would prefer to use alternative forms of identification.

Our biometric partner is BIOSTORE, their ‘FASTRAK’ system is supported by the schools SIMs data base and our hugely popular SQUID cashless payment service.

Yours faithfully

Emma Reynolds
Headteacher



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CONSENT FORM FOR THE USE OF BIOMETRIC INFORMATION IN SCHOOL

Please complete this form if you consent to your child using biometric systems until he/she leaves the school.

Once your child ceases to use the biometric recognition system, his/her biometric information will be securely and permanently deleted by the school.

I give consent to the school for the biometrics of my child: _____ to be used by The Bulmershe School for use as part of a recognition system as described above.

I understand that I can withdraw this consent at any time in writing.

Name of Parent:

Signature:

Date:

Please return this form to: School Business Manager
The Bulmershe School
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