

Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to be able to share with you that we have taken the decision to offer thumbprint scanning to complement our cashless payment system in the canteen. This will support our planned move to a single break time next year and ensure everyone is able to access the canteen quickly and efficiently. It is hoped we can offer several benefits;

- Less time queuing for food in the canteen
- Reduced cost of printing cards
- Reduced risk of losing cards

ParentPay and the systems we use to administer payments will remain unchanged. We would like to reassure our parents and students that this is not mandatory and there will be an opportunity to opt out of the new system. If you or your young person wishes to opt out of using thumbprint recognition, we will continue to operate the existing card system.

In order to comply with the provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, we need written permission from a parent / carer in order for students to use the biometric systems.

Included with this letter is a document titled **IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PARENTS/CARERS – Use of Biometric Systems** which contains important and common questions raised, along with Penryn College responses, which hopefully will address any concerns you may have. Should you wish to discuss this further please contact enquiries@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



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