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Dear Parent / Carer

**Outwood Academy Danum
Changes to Online e-Payments for School Meals and Other School Purchases**

As you will be aware, Outwood Academy Danum has for some time worked alongside the online payment system ParentPay to accept payments for school meals and trips, thereby eliminating the need for students to carry cash throughout the day. However, we would like to inform you that from week commencing 5th October 2020 we will be upgrading our system in connection with CRB Cunninghams. We will be introducing iPay, an online payment service which will offer you a convenient and flexible way to make payments on-line, by debit or credit card, for all school purchases. A brief overview of the benefits this will offer is enclosed.

The current biometric data we hold cannot be transferred and will be deleted in line with our Biometric Policy. Attached you will find some additional information on Biometric processes, along with Frequently Asked Questions.

There is also an Opt-In Form which will need to be signed and returned by Thursday, 1st October 2020. Our Biometric Registration Day will take place week commencing 5th October 2020.

In order to use the iPayimpact website you will need to register via www.ipayimpact.co.uk. Once registered you will be able to make payments directly into your child's account. All details on how to sign up can be found on the attached information sheet.

Please ensure that no further payments are made through your online account for Parentpay after Friday, 2nd October 2020, 12pm. If you use the 'Parent Account' function within Parentpay to hold funds, please ensure you transfer these funds onto your child's dinner account.

Parents Using PayPoint

For parents currently using the PayPoint system to pay cash to school through local shops, please note that you should cease to use your existing PayPoint card from Friday, 2nd October 2020, 12pm.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the academy, alternatively you can email your queries to enquiries@danum.outwood.com.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs J Gaunt
Principal**

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Impact Biometrics is coming to Outwood Academy Danum

As you will be aware Outwood Academy Danum already operates a biometric system and the majority of our students use their fingerprint image to purchase breakfast, lunch and break time snacks in our canteen area. From week commencing 5th October 2020 we are happy to announce that, in connection with CRB Cunninghams, we are upgrading our system. The current data we have cannot be transferred and will be deleted.

We would appreciate confirmation that you approve for your child to partake in the Biometric Registration Process which will take place prior to the Easter break. The slip below needs to be signed and returned by **Thursday, 1st October 2020.**



Biometrics and Security

Students, parents and staff can be 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. Fingerprinting is purely voluntary and those not wishing to sign up will still be able to use a pin number.

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Impact Biometrics Opt-In form

I wish my child to be included in the Impact Biometric registration process

Name of Pupil: _____

Year: _____

VMG: _____

Name of guardian or parent: _____

Signed: _____

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 image will then be used to replace their current 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 can be deleted very easily.

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.

Please fill in this form and return to the Student Information Desk (SID)

Bio – what?

Biometrics authentication is the automatic recognition of a living being using suitable body characteristics. By measuring an individual's physical features in an authentication inquiry and comparing this data with stored biometric reference data, the identity of a specific user is determined. There are many different biometric features that can be used for authentication purposes these include fingerprint, signature, iris, retina, DNA or any other unique characteristic. Once a characteristic has been chosen the next stage in the Biometric process is authentication. A biometric feature is saved on to a database. Once the data has been stored, a new scanning of the biometric feature is taken. If the comparison is positive, access to the appropriate application is granted.



Make up of a fingerprint

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A history of biometrics

Once the domain of the local constabulary, fingerprint technology is now being used at many locations around the country. Banks, supermarkets and now even schools and colleges are adopting this increasingly popular technology. Biometrics are not new, their roots have been traced back to ancient Egyptian times. The use of fingerprints as a security device started with Chinese officials using them to seal documents in the second century BC. Over the last few years the technology has begun to find favor commercially.

Whilst the use of Biometrics has been steadily growing over the last ten years, the past couple of years have seen an explosion in development, interest and vendor involvement.

