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Dear Parents and Carers

Biometric Recognition System

We are writing to inform you about our plans to introduce a biometric recognition system in April 2018 which will replace the old fob system for cashless catering at The Cherwell School. This will involve recording a biometric measurement taken for a finger or thumb, but not a fingerprint image. This will be linked to the canteen till and ParentPay systems, enabling students and staff to pay for their food and drink quickly by scan recognition at the point of sale. It is hoped that this method will speed up the payment process at lunch and break times, reducing the amount of time students and staff spend queuing and allowing them to make better use of their free time. It will also avoid fobs being lost or forgotten.

Similar technology is already being used successfully by most of our partner secondary schools and we are convinced that this is the right way forward for The Cherwell School. Further information and a frequently asked questions sheet is attached to this letter.

In order for your child to use the biometric system, one parent or carer will need to read and sign the Biometric Consent form which can be found on The Cherwell School website at www.cherwell.oxon.sch.uk under Quick Links entitled Biometric Consent. Alternatively the attached form can be returned to the South Site School Office either by pupil post, Royal Mail or email at biometricconsent@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk. Please return completed forms by **12th March 2018**. There will be the opportunity to opt out for those students who, upon consideration, would prefer to use alternative forms of identification.

If you would like more information or the chance to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at biometricconsent@cherwell.oxon.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

Sally Carr
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