

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Due to GDPR Guidelines we require parent/guardian permission before we can post or publish names, images or videos of our students across our social media and website platforms. This is vital when we want to celebrate our sporting and academic achievements with the wider community. With Group photos, we never pinpoint where a student is standing.

We also operate a cashless catering service which uses biometric algorithms to match students to their record. We do not do any of this without written consent, therefore, we ask that you take the time and fill out this form.

Your Name.....

Relationship to Student.....

Student Name.....

Tutor Group (if known).....

(Please mark in the box to give consent)

- Administer First Aid
- Biometric Fingerprint - Cashless Catering
- Google Additional Services (Earth, Maps, YouTube etc)
- Home School Agreement
- Name - Website/social media
- Photograph - Website/social media
- Photograph - Local Media/Newspaper
- Sale of Group Photographs
- School Visit Permission
- Video and Digital Recordings

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# Impact Biometrics at Okehampton College

Okehampton College Cashless Catering system uses biometric algorithm technology. This is a faster, easier to use and safer payment system which speeds up the food experience for all and is in direct response to student feedback to lessen queues and increase checkout speed. The College strongly advises and encourages all parents to sign up for this initiative as it will improve and enhance students' experience of break and lunchtimes.

This initiative works in tandem with the online payment system for both Cashless Catering and Trips and Offers – so do make sure you set up your online Schoolgateway account to make secure and faster payments online.

## **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 finger image; only the numbers remain and these cannot be reinterpreted back into a finger image.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why do you need to take my child's finger image?**

By taking an image of your child's finger image we can turn this information into a digital signature.

### **Can finger images be used by any other agency?**

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

### **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 image with the unique digital signature held in the database.