

20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parent

We are pleased to announce that Joseph Leckie Academy, in collaboration with our catering providers Alliance in Partnership, is installing a cashless catering system in October 2016. The new system will allow us to continue with the development of the Academy meal service and will provide us with a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service.

This system uses the latest technology and means that students do not need to carry cash throughout the day, reducing the risk of money being lost. It is also biometric so there is no need for students to carry a card, as the system will recognise the fingerprint of your child at the revaluation pay points and at the tills.

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 finger to create a mathematical algorithm and then discards the finger image; only the numbers remain on our system and these cannot be changed back into a finger image.

Please see the Joseph Leckie Academy's website [www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk](http://www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk) for further information on biometrics.

We will be registering staff and students on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October and we will commence operating the system on Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Please be advised that **cash cannot be accepted at the Till Points after this date.**

As you have previously given your agreement to the Academy for the use of biometrics, if you do not wish your child to be registered on the Biometric Cashless Catering System, please let me know, in writing, by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016.

If you need any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Reception.

Yours sincerely

Keith Whittlestone  
Principal