

15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

### Launch of Biometrics System

**The purpose of this letter is to ask for your consent so that your child/children can continue to purchase food and drink in school from September 2017.** A biometric fingerprint system is currently in use across the schools in the Trust for food and drink purchases. We have taken the decision to also move to this system for the following reasons:

- All food and drink can be purchased from any of the school's food outlets;
- The food service will be much quicker;
- Anonymous distribution of free school meals for all eligible students;
- Reduces the need for cash in school and ensures parent's money is spent as intended;
- No need to remember cards, or have to pay for replacements if they get lost.

Electronic fingerprinting is safe and secure. The fingerprint image cannot be used by any other source for identification purposes. Our systems use 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. When the user places his/her finger onto the reader, the software matches their fingerprint with the unique digital signature held in the database.

Legislation states that we are obliged to obtain written parental consent for use of biometric systems. Therefore, we ask that you complete and return the attached slip to the Form Tutor by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017** so that your child/children can be set up on the system before we break for the summer.

If you have any queries, please direct these to reception in the first instance to ensure a quick response.

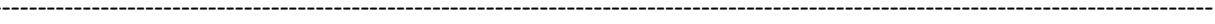
For those parents/carers who are still not using the Wise Pay system to put money into your child's account electronically and would wish to do so, please contact the Finance Office: [Finance@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:Finance@elycollege.co.uk) who will make the necessary arrangements for you.

Wise Pay means you do not have to give cash to your child to bring into school for meals or school trips and you can also monitor your account and see what your child is eating.

Yours faithfully



Mrs L Tomlinson  
Business Director



**Electronic Finger Printing Permission**

I give consent for my child/children to use the biometric fingertip system

Name(s) of Child/Children:

Tutor Group/s:

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Signature of Parent: .....

Dated: .....

Please Print Name: .....

I DO NOT give consent for my child/children to use the biometric fingertip system

I understand that my child will **not** be able to purchase food and drink from the school's food outlets.

Name(s) of Child/Children:

Tutor Group/s:

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Signature of Parent: .....

Dated: .....

Please Print Name: .....

Please return this slip to the Form Tutor by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. Thank you.