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Dear Parent/Carer

Subject Vyners Cashless Catering September 2021

You may be aware that prior to March 2020 Vyners operated a biometric system for the canteen tills. During the pandemic, we have instead operated a card based authentication system. Biometrics, however, remains the most secure authentication system to ensure that only your son or daughter can utilise the funds held on their sQuid account. From September 2021, we are hoping to offer students the choice of going back to using their biometric ID, or keeping their contactless card. Clearly, the school will review carefully any Covid-19 safety guidance in place before implementing.

We would normally take biometric data for new Year 7 students during transition day but as there was not a traditional transition day last summer, we are now opting to do this week commencing 28th June 2021.

You will have already completed the consent form as part of the admissions pack when your child first joined Vyners. If you have indicated on that form that you do not consent then we will ensure that biometric data is not recorded for your child. All other students will have their biometric ID taken on the day.

FAQs regarding the Biometric system used at Vyners are on the school website under "Cashless Catering". Please note that the system does not capture a full copy of your child's fingerprint.

If you have any questions please email office@vynersschool.org.uk. If you wish to withdraw consent at this stage for the taking and holding of your child's biometric ID, please email the school office with the full name and tutor group of your son or daughter and we will amend our records accordingly.

Yours sincerely



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