CASHLESS CATERING SYSTEM

Ousedale School operates a cashless payment system in the dining rooms. Aramark run our food service and menus can be found on the website. Instead of cash we use a biometric system which entails the pupil's fingerprint being scanned. The software converts the fingerprint into a numeric code which is then encrypted to make the data secure. It is not possible to recreate the fingerprint or make it available to any other organisation, from the number stored on the system. The pupil then accesses their catering account by fingerprint recognition. As with all personal data held within the school, we comply with the data protection principles as laid down in the Data Protection Act 2018. Parental/carer consent is requested on the 'New Starter Entrance Form' when pupils join the school. The use of the cashless system ensures that the money you give to your son/daughter is used for the purpose you intended – to buy snacks/lunch in the dining room. Some of the other benefits are:

- A daily spend limit can be put on students' accounts to ensure that they only spend a certain amount each day. As a guide, £3.50 should be enough to buy lunch. However, if students wish to visit the dining room at other times, e.g. before school or during morning break time, a higher limit will be required.

- The daily spend limit can be amended at any time by emailing the Finance department.

- Pupils entitled to free school meals remain anonymous.

- Less cash being carried by students, so less chance of bullying.

To enable the cashless system to work as efficiently as possible pupils' accounts are loaded online using a secure website called ParentPay. User names and initial passwords will be sent to all parents by mid-August to enable a first payment to be made before the term starts.

Fingerprint data will be deleted when the pupil leaves the school, or where consent is withdrawn.