SCHOOL MEALS - CASHLESS SYSTEM

The school uses a cashless system in the dining areas and the snack bar in the Atrium.

Once your child has been admitted to the school, they will be issued with a swipe card or use facial recognition to enable them to purchase their school meal.

Parents/Carers will need to ensure that the card is topped up online via the Scopay system on the school website. Please follow the £ sign for a link to this payment system. It is advisable that you do not put too much money on your child's account at one time. Limits on your child's daily spending can be set by phoning the school finance office.

Breakfast Club

The Lealands' Breakfast Provision will provide a FREE nutritious meal for students eligible for Free School Meals who might otherwise not eat breakfast (up to the value of £1.60). A breakfast is available for all other students at a subsidised price. The aims of Lealands' Breakfast Club are:
● to provide the energy and nutrition required by the mind and body for active learning
● to improve attendance, concentration and learning in the classroom
● to provide positive examples of healthy eating to create a foundation for lifelong healthy eating habits
● to enable children to socialise, listen and talk in a relaxed atmosphere
● encourage good social skills development with a focus on literacy

If your child's swipe card is lost, please ensure that you inform the school immediately by sending an email to:

admin@lealands.luton.sch.uk so that the card can be suspended. A replacement card will cost £5.00.

Biometric recognition at Lealands High School

As part of our catering provision at Lealands High School we have invested in a new till system to improve the speed of service for students and upgrade the system we have had for over a decade! Our new tills will have the option of facial recognition software for quick, safe and secure payments of food or drink purchases or the use of the existing payment card to tap and go. Facial recognition will only be used with parental permission.

Frequently Asked Questions
Why are you using biometric recognition?
Biometric recognition converts physical characteristics into a unique digital signature that can be used to quickly and securely locate your child's cashless catering account. This helps speed up service and eliminates the requirement to a payment card that can be lost or stolen.

How does it work?
When the child looks at the camera, the software reads key features (distance between facial features for facial recognition) and compares this against the database of registered users. When it finds a match it automatically opens their cashless catering account allowing the operator to complete the sale of their school meals.

Can these biometrics registrations be used by any other agency?
No, the software turns your child's physical characteristics into an encrypted (using AES 256) string of characters known as a template. Even if someone were to be able to gain access to the data and break the encryption, this template does not contain enough information to reverse engineer into a usable image.

What happens when my child leaves the School?
When a student leaves school all data can be deleted very easily.

I don't wish to give permission for my child to participate with biometric recognition, can my child still purchase school meals?
Yes, an alternative method of authentication will be available. The option available is using the payment card previously issued.

What if I change my mind?
If you initially opt-in for your child to use biometric recognition but later change your mind, contact the school and we will remove the permission from the system which will automatically remove any biometric data associated with your child and provide your child with an alternative method of authentication.