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8Ref: SEA/CB/pd/Cashless Catering

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Cashless Catering

You may be aware that Bloxwich Academy operates a cashless catering system for purchasing food and drinks for break and lunch times. This means that we will not accept any cash at the point of sale for any purchases.

Many parents are concerned about their child spending their dinner money, by purchasing sweets and pop on the way to school, cashless catering prevents this from happening. It also prevents pupils from losing their money and prevents parents from having to worry about finding lunch money every morning.

Cashless catering also guarantees anonymity to free school meal pupils.

For your child to use this system:-

- **They must** have had their finger scanned and a photograph taken
- **You must** have given written consent for your child have their finger scanned to use this system.

You will receive details through the post on how you can make electronic payments to your son/daughters account through our online provider Wisepay. Once live, Wisepay can be accessed through clicking the icon on the school website at www.bloxwichacademy.co.uk. This will also be the facility used when paying for School trips and additional activities.

Machines are installed in school where pupils will be able to add cash (coins & notes) to their catering account, but **NO** cash will be taken at the food till point. Pupils **will only be able** to use this machine before or after school, or at break and lunchtime.

The system works exactly the same way for all pupils whether they pay or have a free school meal. All pupils have their own account which can be viewed by parents via Wisepay. If your child is eligible for free school meals the amount allocated for the meal will be entered onto the system software on a daily basis and can only be used to purchase lunch; if your child wishes to purchase food at break then they will need to pay additional funds into their account.

Should you wish your child to **not** take part in this registration please confirm this in writing.

If you have any questions please contact Mr Prime.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Seager', with a horizontal line underneath.

A Seager (Mr)
Headteacher