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# **Biometrics Information for Parents/Carers September 2021**

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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Biometric System at Derby Moor Academy**

At Derby Moor Academy we have a voluntary biometric recognition system at the school. This system is used for cashless catering, school library and printing work documents.

We find this provides the school with a number of very significant benefits including:

- Reduction in administration time and cost dealing with lost or forgotten cards/passwords/PINs
- Reduction in the need for cash handling
- Students do not have to remember to bring a card
- Reduction in queuing time

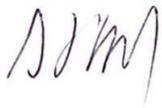
In order to comply with the provisions of the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012, we need written permission from a parent/carers in order for students to use the biometric system.

During the three day Transition process in July we will be scanning your child's finger to activate their biometric account within our school. Therefore it is really important that we receive the consent slip attached on the stated date of return.

We will continue to offer an opportunity to opt out for those students who would prefer to use a dinner card to purchase their food.

If you would like more information or the chance to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mr S Doyle

**Principal**

## **IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PARENTS**

### **Background to the use of biometrics in school**

For the sake of clarity, biometric information is information about someone's physical or behavioural characteristics that can be used to identify them. There are many possible biometrics, including for example, a digital photograph, fingerprint, or hand shapes. As part of our identity management systems, we currently record a biometric measurement taken from a scanned finger image. The information is stored in a highly secure database and is only used by the school to confirm who is using a range of services. In future we may use other biometric services where appropriate.

Our chosen solution allows us to use a secure database holding biometric data for use with a range of services. This means we store the least amount of data possible. This reduces the risk of loss of data.

The data that is held cannot be used by any other agency for any other purpose.

The school will not use the biometric information for any purpose other than that stated above. The school will store the biometric information collected securely in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The school will not share this information with anyone else and will not unlawfully disclose it to any other person.

### **Current Legislation – The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012**

This legislation requires schools to:

- Inform parents about the use of the biometric systems in the school and explain what applications use biometrics.
- Receive written permission from one parent if the school is to continue processing biometrics for their child.
- Allow children to choose an alternative way of being identified if they wish.
- Children under 18 who do not have permission by September 2013 will not be able to use existing or new biometrics when using services in the school.

If you do not wish your child to use the biometric system or your child chooses to use an alternative form of identification, such as an Identity Card, we will provide reasonable alternative arrangements that allow them to access current and future services.

Should you agree to your child continuing to use the biometric system, it is important that you return the signed consent form below as soon as possible. Please note that when he/she leaves the school, or if for some other reason he/she ceases to use the biometric system, his/her biometric data will be permanently deleted.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact the school.



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## Impact Biometrics Leaving a Lasting Impression

### Bio – what?

Biometrics authentication is the automatic recognition of a living being using suitable body characteristics. By measuring an individual's physical features in an authentication inquiry and comparing this data with stored biometric reference data, the identity of a specific user is determined. There are many different biometric features that can be used for authentication purposes these include finger image, signature, iris, retina, DNA or any other unique characteristic. Once a characteristic has been chosen the next stage in the Biometric process is authentication. A biometric feature is saved on to a database. Once the data has been stored, a new scanning of the biometric feature is taken. If the comparison is positive, access to the appropriate application is granted.



Make up of a fingerprint

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## The future is in your hands!

### A history of biometrics

Once the domain of the local constabulary, Biometric technology is now being used at many locations around the country. Banks, supermarkets and now even schools and colleges are adopting this increasingly popular technology. Biometrics are not new, their roots have been traced back to ancient Egyptian times. The use of finger images as a security device started with Chinese officials using them to seal documents in the second century BC. Over the last few years the technology has begun to find favor commercially.

Whilst the use of Biometrics has been steadily growing over the last ten years, the past couple of years have seen an explosion in development, interest and vendor involvement.



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