Academy Meals System

At Bede Academy, students purchase their meal using an account linked to ParentPay; . The academy system uses a number that is created using fingerprint recognition to allow students to access this account. The fingerprint number system is both a safe and convenient way for your child to pay for meals and to borrow books from the Library.

The ParentPay system allows you to see what your child is eating at mealtimes and is a convenient way to pay for meals, visits and much more. More information about ParentPay and how you can access your personal account will be sent to you during the summer holidays. The account must be in credit for it to be used. You can add funds online using the ParentPay website.

If your child runs out of credit and is therefore unable to purchase lunch, in the first instance we will try to contact you and ask you to top up their account. If we cannot contact you, we will provide an overdraft, but students are only able to access this overdraft facility once each term. Please ensure, therefore, that you keen an eye on their spending and ensure that they know how much they are permitted to spend every day, in order to budget their account. This is a valuable life lesson for them!

Bede Academy creates your child's account by scanning their fingerprint to create a number from it and this process will take place during the full day that they will spend at Bede Academy.

We do not retain an image of the fingerprint; it simply allows the system to create a unique number based on it and you can be reassured that it is not possible to recreate the fingerprint image from this number.

Please ensure that you indicate Biometric Consent on the online Consent Section.