



# Dallam School

## **DALLAM CASHLESS CATERING FINGER RECOGNITION SYSTEM**

We run a fingerprint recognition system for cashless catering at Dallam. The system is biometric. This means students and staff will have a scan of their finger matched to their details and ID photo. The initial scan is taken of points on the finger, which are then translated into a code that is allocated to the individual inside the system. It is NOT a finger print. The code cannot be taken out and used in any other way to reconstruct a finger print. This code verifies the identity of the person using the fingertip scanner in the canteen. We do not share this data with any other body or authority and we are bound by the data protection act with regard to the collection, usage, storage and security of it.

Our online School to Home communication payment system called ParentMail +Pay allows you to log on remotely at home to top up lunch accounts and view what your child has eaten. Students can also add cash to the in-house pay point coin and note loaders situated in school.

### **What are the benefits?**

- Students will be served more efficiently and quickly, with queues kept to a minimum
- It is a unique verification – no one else can use the student's fingertip
- Complete confidentiality for students entitled to free school meals
- Money provided by parents to pay for school meals is used only for that purpose and no other
- It will provide parents with the knowledge that their child is eating at lunchtime
- Payment methods include cheques and an in-house pay point coin and note loader using fingertip verification or online Parentmail +Pay.
- Removes many of the associated issues found when using cash in schools.

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding any element of our system please contact Mrs J Hamer, School Business Manager.** Please complete the slip below and return to the **School Office** giving permission for us to take a biometric finger scan of your son or daughter's finger.