



Cashless catering system

We operate a cashless catering system using biometrics. The system has the following key benefits:

- Increased speed of service, therefore reducing queueing times
- Facility for parents/carers to pay online
- No need to carry cash, preventing loss/theft
- Students learn about important lifestyle controls by monitoring their own accounts.
- On a daily basis, the system automatically allocates funds to the catering accounts of those students on free school meals; students with free meal entitlements remain anonymous.
- Parents/carers can use our online payments system to see the food their child has consumed in school.

Cashless catering means that students and staff cannot use cash to purchase snacks, drinks, or meals from the school canteen. No cash can be accepted at our catering terminals, and all food is paid for by account. Every student is allocated an individual catering account and parent/carers can deposit funds into their child's account through our online payments system. Alternatively, for parents/carers who do not have online access, students can use one of the two 'top-up' machines located in the canteen.

Purchases of food and drink are deducted from catering accounts in real time. The system automatically imposes a 'spend limit' of £4.00 for every student. This can be changed by written request to the finance team: finance@henrycort.org.

The system uses two methods of student identification: biometric finger scan and student photo. Students can only be registered for the biometric system once we have received consent from parents, via admission forms.