



September 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

Cashless Catering System

The Department for Education has introduced new legislation regarding the use of biometrics in schools; this is the thumb print we use as part of the cashless system to enable your child to pay for their food in the school canteen. This thumb print is then stored as a number. **We do not store the image of your child's fingerprint on the system and it cannot therefore be used for any other identification purposes.**

This new legislation, which will be implemented from 1st September 2013, states that we must keep on record written permission for parents/guardians to allow your child to continue using the biometric facility on the cashless system currently being used in Newman Catholic College. Please note – your son can also use his Oyster card for identity.

The distinct benefits of using this system are: Increased speed of service reducing queuing times, anonymity on Free School Meals, the facility to pay and top up accounts on-Line, students do not need to carry cash preventing loss/theft and students learn about important lifestyle control by monitoring their own accounts.

If you decide not to register your child on the Biometric System, your son will still be able to use his Oyster Card once he has had it registered at the school office.

Please complete the form attached and return to the school office by return. Once received, your child(s) will be able to continue using their biometric account in September 2013.

Yours sincerely,

D.P.Coyle
Headteacher

Biometric Consent Form

To: Newman Catholic College

I confirm that I wish my child **TO/NOT TO** (Please delete where applicable) continue using Biometrics for the Cashless Catering System from the 1st September 2013.
I understand that I/we may withdraw my child's registration at any time in writing.

Child's Name (Please Print)	
Tutor Group	
Name of Parent/Carer – Delete as applicable	
Relationship to Child	
Signature	
Date	