



Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

'Inspiration and Excellence'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Biometric Systems

Biometrics are automated methods of recognizing a person based on a physiological or behavioural characteristic. Among the features measured are face, fingerprints, hand geometry, handwriting, iris, retinal, vein, and voice. Biometric data are separate and distinct from personal information. Biometric templates cannot be reverse-engineered to recreate personal information and they cannot be stolen and used to access personal information.

Only specific characteristics, which are unique to every fingerprint, are filtered and saved as an encrypted biometric key or mathematical representation. No image of a fingerprint is ever saved, only a series of numbers (a binary code), which is used for verification. The algorithm cannot be reconverted to an image, so no one can duplicate your fingerprints.

The School has two systems in the school that use biometric recognition from fingerprints:

The first is our School Meals System which is used to identify students and enable them to purchase meals from funds entered on their accounts by parent pay or the biometric payment station. All data is retained securely in accordance with data protection regulations and recommendations.

The second system is the Biometric Door Entry System which is used to identify students to allow entry into the school. This has been a significant safeguarding improvement for the school site and restricted entry in to the school to authorised persons only. All data is retained securely in accordance with data protection regulations and recommendations.

In order to comply with new General Data Protection Regulations the school is required to renew consent from both Parents/Carers and also students. We therefore request that you complete the section below and return to the school by Thursday 12th July 2018. We thank you in advance for your co-operation with these requirements

Graham Swindells, Finance Director and School Business Manager

PARENTAL CONSENT

I give/do not give permission for the school to retain biometric fingerprint data for my child for the School's Biometric Door Entry System and School Meals Payment System.

Name _____ Form _____ Signed _____

STUDENT CONSENT

I give/do not give permission for school to retain biometric fingerprint data for me for the School's Biometric Door Entry System and School Meals Payment System.

Name _____ Form _____ Signed _____

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