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USE OF BIOMETRIC SYSTEMS

The Nelson Thomlinson School wishes to use information about your child as part of an automated biometric system. This is in respect of a cashless payment system for school lunches and our Library book borrowing system.

Under the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 we are required to notify and obtain the written consent of parents before being able to use a child's biometric information.

We will not use the information for any other purpose and it is stored securely. Fingerprint images themselves are not stored. Instead, a set of co-ordinates is translated into a string of numbers and this information is encrypted. Fingerprints cannot be re-created from these co-ordinates.

The use of the biometric system improves the services we are able to offer, with benefits such as:

- no need for pupils to carry cash
- nothing can be lost, such as a library swipe card
- a reduction in queuing times, both in the lunch hall and in the Library

The school has carried out a privacy impact assessment and is confident that the use of this technology is effective and justified in a school context. We meet our obligations with regards to data protection and follow guidance given by the Information Commissioner's Office regarding the use of biometric data.

If you are happy to give consent for your child to use the biometric system, please sign below. You are able to withdraw consent at any time. If you do not wish your child to use the biometric system, they will be issued with a PIN to pay for lunches and alternative arrangements will be made for them to use the Library. **Please return this completed form to the school office.**

Parent / Carers Name

Pupil Name

As the parent / carer of the above pupil, I agree to the school using biometric recognition systems, as described above. I understand that the images cannot be used to create a whole fingerprint of my child and that these images will not be shared with anyone outside the school.

Yes / No

Signed

Date