



9th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

**Outwood Academy Riverside
Online e-Payments for School Meals and Other School Purchases**

Outwood Academy Riverside is pleased to announce that we will be introducing iPayimpact online payments to eliminate the need for your child to carry cash to school for school meals, trips and school shop items. We will be introducing the new payment system week commencing Monday 14th September 2020. Attached you will find some additional information on biometric processes, along with Frequently Asked Questions.

Please could you complete the attached Opt-In Form which will need to be signed and returned to the academy by **Friday 11th September 2020**. Our Biometric Registration Day will take place week commencing Monday 14th September 2020.

Please note that from Monday 21st September 2020 there will be **no** facilities within school to accept cash payments for school meals, trips, stationery and other adhoc items. We therefore strongly advise parents to use this online payment system with **immediate effect** so any issues can be sorted before the cash payment facilities in school cease to operate.

Why a new system?

To support the Trust in becoming fully cashless, giving the following benefits:

- Removing the risk of students losing money
- To help reduce and eliminate the spread of any virus or germs
- Removing time spent queuing to top up funds at break times
- Keeping up with the digital world and people using cash less and less
- Monetary and officer admin time savings, enabling us to redeploy these efficiencies

In order to use the iPayimpact website you will need to register via www.ipayimpact.co.uk. Once registered you will be able to make payments directly into your child's account. All details on how to sign up can be found on the attached information sheet.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact reception on 01642 549950, alternatively you can email your queries to enquiries@riverside.outwood.com

Yours sincerely



**Mrs M Brant-Smith
Principal**

Bio – what?

Biometrics authentication is the automatic recognition of a living being using suitable body characteristics. By measuring an individual's physical features in an authentication inquiry and comparing this data with stored biometric reference data, the identity of a specific user is determined. There are many different biometric features that can be used for authentication purposes these include fingerprint, signature, iris, retina, DNA or any other unique characteristic. Once a characteristic has been chosen the next stage in the Biometric process is authentication. A biometric feature is saved on to a database. Once the data has been stored, a new scanning of the biometric feature is taken. If the comparison is positive, access to the appropriate application is granted.



Make up of a fingerprint

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The future is in your hands!

A history of biometrics

Once the domain of the local constabulary, fingerprint technology is now being used at many locations around the country. Banks, supermarkets and now even schools and colleges are adopting this increasingly popular technology. Biometrics are not new, their roots have been traced back to ancient Egyptian times. The use of fingerprints as a security device started with Chinese officials using them to seal documents in the second century BC. Over the last few years the technology has begun to find favor commercially.

Whilst the use of Biometrics has been steadily growing over the last ten years, the past couple of years have seen an explosion in development, interest and vendor involvement.



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News Announcement

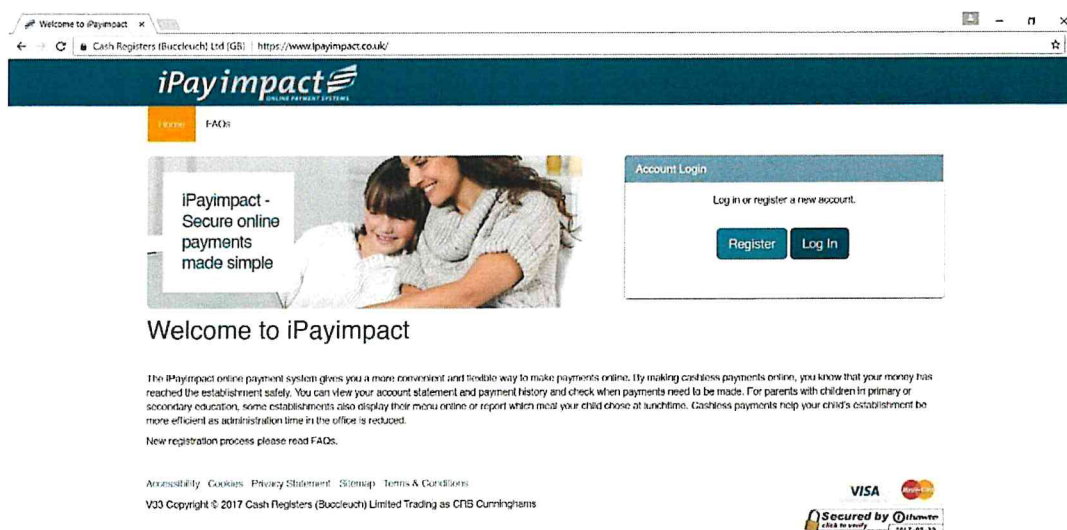
iPayimpact Online Payment Service Coming Soon

We are delighted to announce that from Monday 21st September 2020 we will be accepting payments online using a secure website called iPayimpact.

iPayimpact.co.uk is a simple, easy to use website, offering you a convenient and flexible way to make payments on-line, by debit or credit card, for all school purchases, reducing the need for your child to carry cash to school. iPayimpact has a 'shopping basket' approach, allowing payments to be made for each child including dinner money, school trips, uniforms, after-school clubs and societies, milk and many other school payments in one easy transaction.

What are the benefits to parents / carers and pupils?

- Easy registration process
- One transaction for multiple children and school payments
- Review payments made, purchase history and current balance
- Receive email alerts for low balances and/ or recurring payments
- Payments by debit or credit card



The screenshot shows the iPayimpact website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Terms' and 'FAQs' links. Below this is a large banner area with a photo of a woman and a child. The banner text reads 'iPayimpact - Secure online payments made simple'. To the right of the banner is an 'Account Login' box with the text 'Log in or register a new account.' and two buttons: 'Register' and 'Log In'. Below the banner, the text 'Welcome to iPayimpact' is displayed. Further down, there is a paragraph of text explaining the service and a link to the FAQ. At the bottom, there are logos for VISA and Mastercard, and a 'Secured by iThenticate' logo with the text 'click to verify' and '2017-05-18'. The footer contains the text 'Accessibility Cookies Privacy Statement Sitemap Terms & Conditions' and 'V30 Copyright © 2017 Cash Registers (Buzeckuch) Limited Trading as CRS Cummings'.

Impact Biometrics is coming to Outwood Academy Riverside

Outwood Academy Riverside are happy to announce that from Monday 21st September 2020, in connection with CRB Cunninghams, we will be introducing iPay impact online payments to eliminate the need for your child to carry cash to school for school meals, trips and school shop items.

We would appreciate confirmation that you approve for your child to partake in the Biometric Registration Process which will take place week commencing 14th September 2020. The slip below needs to be signed and returned by **Friday 11th September 2020**.



Biometrics and Security

Students, parents and staff can be rest assured that the fingerprint images cannot be used by any other source for identification purposes. The system uses an image of the fingerprint to create a mathematical algorithm and then discards the fingerprint; only the numbers remain and these cannot be reinterpreted back into a fingerprint image. Fingerprinting is purely voluntary and those not wishing to sign up will still be able to use a pin number.

The future is in your hands!

Impact Biometrics Opt-In form

I wish my child to be included in the Impact Biometric registration process

Name of Pupil: _____

Year: _____

VMG: _____

Name of guardian or parent: _____

Signed: _____

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do you need to take my child's fingerprint?

By taking an image of your child's fingerprint we can turn this information into a digital signature. This unique image will then be used to replace their current swipe card.

Can fingerprints be used by any other agency?

No, the software we use turns your child's fingerprint into a mathematical algorithm. The image of the fingerprint is then discarded. The information that is stored cannot be used to recreate an image of the child's fingerprint.

What happens when my child leaves the School?

When a student leaves school all data can be deleted very easily.

How does it work?

When the child places his/her finger on the scanner, the software matches their fingerprint with the unique digital signature held in the database.