School Meals

The school operates a Cafeteria service using a cashless system with opening hours –

- 08:00 - 08:30   Breakfast Club
- 11:15 - 11:30   Morning Break
- 12:30 - 13:05   Lunch

Students can choose from a wide selection of food products, or may simply purchase one of the set menus that follow a three weekly cycle and can be seen on the following pages. If your child has a specific dietary requirement this can usually be accommodated.

How are students recognised by the system?
Each student will have their fingerprint registered which will then be translated to an Alpha Numeric number, the image is then discarded, when used this will then enter them into the system program and identify them by a number.

How is this then used to obtain a school meal?
The Student simply places their finger on a scanner at the point of sale; a display will show the server the student's name, class and current cash balance held within the system. The selected food items will be entered into the system from an itemised keyboard while the amount spent and the new cash balance will show on the display.

How is money entered into the system?
(a)   By 'Cheque' payment made to **Carleton Community High School -** A Post box to receive payments is located in the student Entrance. The students name and form should be written on the back of the cheque. If the payment is to be shared between two students, identify both with full name and class group.
(b)   By 'Cash Note' processed through the re valuation terminal machines.
(c)   By 'Cash Coin' into an automatic cash revaluation terminal located in the school which is set to accept £2 - £1 - 50p - 20p - 10p coins. (1p – 2p – 5p coins, cannot be used).
(d)   Online payments can be made by registering through a link on our website using Tucasi.

What about students entitled to a 'free school meal'?
The system works exactly the same for all students whether they pay or have a free school meal. All students have their own account to use in exactly the same way.
The amount allocated for the free school meal will be entered into the system by the software daily and will be accessible during cafeteria opening times.

The system will then allow on a daily basis the required cash amount for each individual student to be allotted to their current cash balance. However, any under spend or missed dinner will be identified by the system and will not be added to the next day's balance.

The student can also add extra cash on to his or her balance in the system by using the revaluation station, to enable a greater daily spend on the school dinner than allocated by their free meal allowance. Please note the free school meal allowance is automatically added on the morning, if this amount is used for breakfast or break no further allowances will be given.