



All Saints' Academy Cheltenham

GUIDANCE ON BIOMETRICS AT ALL SAINTS' ACADEMY

All Saints' Academy uses biometric technology to allow students to access our cashless catering, printing system and complete e-registration without the need to carry a swipe card. Biometric information is safe, secure, easy to use and popular in many schools and academies. An image of a fingerprint is taken and then converted into a mathematical algorithm. The image is then discarded and only the numbers remain for identification. The numbers cannot be converted back into a fingerprint image and cannot be used by any other source for identification purposes. The vast majority of students at All Saints' Academy are registered on our biometric system.

Providing consent

As stated above, in order to be able to use your child's biometric information, consent of at least one parent is required. However, consent given by one parent will be overridden if the other parent objects in writing to the use of their child's biometric information. Similarly, if your child objects to this, we cannot collect or use their biometric information.

You can also object to the proposed processing of your child's biometric information at a later stage or withdraw any consent you have previously given. This means that, if you give consent (consent is given via Edulink) but later change your mind, you can withdraw this consent. Please note that any consent, withdrawal of consent or objection from a parent must be in writing to the:

Network Manager at All Saints' Academy. Alternatively, please email: helpdesk@asachelt.org

Further information and guidance

The Academy is happy to answer any questions you or your child may have. Further guidance can also be found via the following web linkTransit:

Department for Education's *'Protection of Biometric Information of Children in Schools – Advice for proprietors, governing bodies, head teachers, principals and school staff'*:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protection-of-biometric-information-of-children-in-schools>