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Dear Parent/Carer

## Cashless Catering

We are pleased to announce that Furness Academy will be installing a cashless catering system in October 2011. The new system will allow us to continue with the development of the school meal service, and will ultimately provide a better quality of service to our students.

The system incorporates the latest technology and eliminates the need to carry cash throughout the day. It is also biometric so there is no need to carry a card as the system will recognise the thumb print of your child at the pay points and at the tills.

### **We will start to use this new system from Monday 31st October.**

After half term cash will not be accepted at the till points. Any amount of money can be paid into your child's account, with the money spent on food and drink deducted on a daily basis. There are three methods of payment options available to you; all three are fully explained in the information sheet included with this letter. There will be a daily 'spend limit' programmed into the system of £3.50, this can be increased or decreased for an individual student by making a written request to me.

Assemblies will be held during the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September, to ensure that our students fully understand the new cashless system.

**There will be Information Evenings for parents on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, at the South Site Refectory and also Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, at the North Site Refectory. On each evening there will be two sessions – 5 to 6pm and 6 to 7pm. You will only need to attend one session.**

The sessions will introduce the new cashless system to you and will answer any questions you may have. We will be offering you taster samples from our menu and tea and coffee will also be provided.

If you do not wish for your child to participate in the biometric registration please contact the school or myself.

Yours sincerely

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