



Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

Biometrics Policy

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Responsibilities for the Collection and Management of Biometric Information.

A biometric recognition system obtains or records information about a person's physical or behavioural characteristics and compares that information with information which has been previously stored to determine whether the person is recognised by the system.

Policy points are numbered. The numbering corresponds to explanations of 'why?' and 'how?' for each point further down the page.

What Must I Do?

- MUST:** You must refer to your use of biometric data in your privacy notices, ensuring individuals are clear about their rights in relation to its use
- MUST:** You must ensure that all students understand that they can object or refuse to allow their biometric data to be taken/used
- MUST:** You must **gain consent** in writing from at least one parent. Consent is **not** required from the student, even if they are aged 12 or over (but see point 9)
- MUST:** You must **document** that consent has been given
- MUST:** You must provide a simple process to **object** and **withdraw consent**
- MUST:** You must **document** if consent is withdrawn or objections are raised
- MUST:** You must not continue to hold or use biometric data where consent for its use has been withdrawn
- MUST NOT:** If any parent/guardian/carer withdraws consent you must cease to hold and use the biometric data even if the other parent/guardian/carer has not withdrawn consent
- MUST:** You must accept the view of the **student** if they do not want their biometric data used by the school, regardless of their age. The student's wishes supersede any parent/guardian/carer wishes. If both or either parent has consented and the student does not wish the data to be processed, the student's wishes take precedent.
- MUST:** You must ensure that there is an **alternative arrangement** available for any services which use biometrics
- MUST:** Ensure that biometric data is held in an encrypted form, and that all available technical and organisational **security** measures are applied
- MUST:** You must complete a **Data Protection Impact Assessment** for the use of biometric data
- MUST:** Your use of biometric data must be recorded in your **records of processing activities** (Framework document H1)
- MUST NOT:** You must not share biometric data with 3rd parties unless there is an appropriate contract in place protecting the rights of data subjects

Why Must I Do It?

- The law requires us to process personal data fairly, lawfully and transparently. This means we must tell people how we use biometric data and their rights in relation to its use.
- To comply with your legal obligations and DfE Guidance.





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3. Due to the sensitivity of biometric data the only appropriate legal basis is consent from the parent/guardian/carers.
4. Data protection legislation requires consent to be evidential, and this is best achieved by gaining consent in writing.
5. You must have a consent withdrawal process in place which your staff are aware of. Withdrawal of consent must be a simple process and must not be more difficult than the process for giving consent.
6. You must be able to evidence when you stopped using the data and why.
7. It is unlawful to continue to process data where consent has been withdrawn.
8. A singular parent/guardian/carers withdrawal overrides multiple consents for the same biometric data.
9. The students wish would supersede those of either or both parent/guardian/carers.
10. Any services which use biometric recognition must have an alternative method of access to ensure equality of opportunity as this processing is consensual.
11. Biometric data is subject to a higher requirement for security because it is classed as special category data within the Data Protection Act 2018.
12. As biometric data is a special category data and is used to monitor the activities of students in certain circumstances you are required to complete a Data Protection Impact Assessment.
13. Records of Processing Activity are a legal requirement under the UK General Data Protection Act 2016 as applied by the Data Protection Act 2018.
14. To comply with the Data Protection Act 2018.

How Must I Do It?

1. Ensure the Biometric privacy notice provided by IGS is published on your website.
2. Take account of the students' age and level of understanding. Parents should also be told of their child's right to object or to refuse and be encouraged to discuss this with their child.
3. Gain consent from parents by asking them to sign a consent form which can be retained on the student file.
4. Use a consent form to gain consent from parent/guardian/carers which can be placed in the student file to evidence consent was provided. Ensure you request consent using clear, plain language and that the parent/guardian/carers takes a positive action by ticking and signing the form, to evidence consent was given. Consent can be gained for several things on one form, however each processing activity you require consent for must be itemised to ensure that consent is sought for each activity individually within the form.
5. You must explain on your privacy notices and consent forms how individuals can withdraw consent or object to your use of biometric data.
6. If consent is withdrawn, or biometric processing is objected to, you must keep a record of this in the student file which shows the actions you took to resolve matters.
7. You must delete the biometric data when consent for its use has been withdrawn. You must ensure that if your biometrics system is provided by a third party and includes access to biometric data that they too delete any copies of the biometric data from their systems.





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This should be stated in your contract with the 3rd party if they will have copies of the biometric data.

8. Where more than one parent/guardian/carers has consented to biometric processing, only one of those parent/guardian/carers needs to withdraw consent in order to stop the processing.
9. A student's request to stop processing their biometric data overrides that of any parent/guardian/carers and must be acted on immediately.
10. Consider the continuation of your previous process as an alternative to biometric recognition.
11. The data must be fully encrypted to a high level at rest and in transit and all other relevant physical or technical controls must be applied. All relevant security measures employed by the school must be applied to biometric data.
12. A Data Protection Impact Assessment is required when processing biometric data due to its sensitivity. Please seek support from IGS who can assist in this activity.
13. Your Records of Processing Activity is provided in your Framework, document ref H1. This must be maintained and regularly reviewed to meet your legal obligations under the UK GDPR.
14. If you contract in a supplier of biometric recognition systems you must ensure that your contract with them is GDPR compliant, and that they can provide sufficient assurances of their suitability for processing such sensitive data.

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References

- Data Protection Act 2018
- General Data Protection Regulations 2016
- Article 8, The Human Rights Act 1998
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
- DfE - Protection of biometric information of children in schools and colleges – March 2018



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*Our vision is to be the school of choice for our local community, developing successful young people with high **aspirations**, who show **respect** for all and **endeavour** to become the very best that they can be."*



Breach Statement

Breaches of Information Policies will be investigated and may result in disciplinary action. Serious breaches of Policy may be considered gross misconduct and result in dismissal without notice, or legal action being taken against you.



Appendix A: Biometric Use Privacy Statement

Please be aware that the following Biometric Privacy Statement is currently published on our school website:

Biometric Use

We use biometric data to provide cashless payment for school meals. The information we use is an identifying code based on a scan of a fingerprint, with student name, school year, and class name. A fingerprint scan will be checked against available funds in the payment account to enable the purchase of school meals, and a deduction will be made from payment accounts.

This information is shared with our system provider who works for us under contract. The school is the data controller. Our legal basis for using personal data for this purpose is explicit consent. As we are relying on your consent you can withdraw consent at any time by contacting the school. This information will be deleted when the pupil leaves the school, or when consent to use it is withdrawn.

No personal information is routinely available outside of the UK. Should a transfer of personal information be necessary we will only do so where it is permitted by law and where appropriate safeguards are in place.

For information about your rights in relation to this use of your personal information please see Section 5 of our overarching privacy notice.

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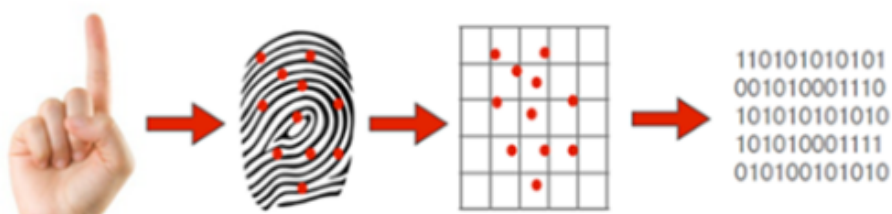


Appendix B: Parental Biometric Use Consent Form

Cashless Catering: At Roding valley High School we use a bio-metric system for our cashless catering, the image below describes how it works. This system your child's school account very secure as no one else will be able to replicate their bio-metrics. If you are happy for your child to participate in this scheme, please provide your consent.

A fingerprint scanner has two basic jobs- it needs to get an image of your finger and it nees to determine whether the pattern of ridges and valleys matches the pattern of the of ridges and valleys in the prescanned images.

Only specific characteristics, which are unique to every fingerprint are foltered and saved as an encrypted Biometric key or mathematical representation. No image of the fingerprint is ever saved, only a series of numbers (abinary code) which is used for verification. The algorithm cannot be reconverted to an image, so no one can duplicate your fingerprints.



	Yes	No
Parent Consent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Student Consent	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>