



Facial Recognition Technology (FRT)

Introduction:

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and secure environment, while adhering to the latest advancements in technology and data protection regulations, we have introduced a new cashless catering system that includes the use of facial recognition technology.

Our primary goal is to speed up the payment method for food items from The Dome, enhance security measures and streamline various administrative processes, ensuring a more efficient and effective school experience for everyone involved. In accordance with the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018, we are required to seek explicit consent for the use of this technology.

Facial recognition technology transforms physical attributes into a distinct digital signature, which is then used to efficiently and securely access a child's cashless catering account. This advancement expedites service and eliminates the need to carry cash or alternative access methods, like cards that could be lost or stolen.

Choice of payment methods:

The use of facial recognition technology is the quickest method for staff/students to access their iPayimpact account to purchase items from the canteen. However, smartcards continue to be in use as before, (balances from our previous Touch Top Up system have been transferred). Other functionality, e.g., a downloadable QR code to be added to mobile devices will be available soon.

JCG Students - Parental and Student Consent:

In accordance with Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018, for children under the age of 13, it is essential that we obtain parental consent before implementing this technology. Children aged 13 and above are empowered to provide or withdraw consent on their own.

We strongly encourage open communication between students and parents regarding the use of facial recognition technology as we believe it is essential for students to have a clear understanding of the technology's purpose, benefits, and potential implications before providing their consent. Students are encouraged to discuss any concerns or questions they may have with their parents to make an informed decision.

With the above in mind, we have taken the decision that for all JCG students under the age of 18, we will first seek consent from the parent, then, where consent is provided, seek consent

from the student. Facial recognition technology will only be applied to students when explicit consent has been granted by both parent and student.

Use of FRT for JCP Pupils:

Children from JCP visiting JCG for their hot lunch will have the flexibility to select their meals during service, eliminating the need for pre-ordering by parents in advance. This system intends to enhance meal participation, supported by early indications suggesting an increase in hot school meal consumption. The application of facial recognition technology will facilitate prompt access to their accounts, ensuring that meal choices account for any allergies or food intolerances.

Additional Safeguards: Students under the JCP scheme will receive guidance on using the facial recognition feature, contingent upon consent. In instances where this payment method is unavailable, our staff will be prepared to assist in locating their accounts and applying charges for lunches.

Advantages of the System:

- **Enhanced efficiency:** The cashless catering system diminishes reliance on physical payment methods, reducing wait times at payment counters.
- **Augmented security:** Facial recognition ensures a secure method of verifying a child's identity, reducing unauthorised access risks.
- **Personalised experience:** The system enables tailoring of meal choices, dietary preferences, and allergy information to each child's needs.

Functionality of the System:

Upon a person's interaction with the camera, the software analyses key facial features and cross-references them with the registered user database. Upon finding a match, the software grants access to the individual's cashless catering account, enabling smooth transaction completion. The encryption of physical characteristics into an AES 256-encrypted template ensures data security, with the template lacking sufficient information for reverse engineering.

Consent Renewal:

JCG: Consent provided will remain effective throughout a student's tenure at Jersey College for Girls, unless retraction occurs. If a parent/child wishes to alter their stance on facial recognition consent, a simple contact with the school will prompt removal of permission from the system and deletion of related data.

JCP: Where parental consent is provided for the use of facial recognition technology, this will remain effective whilst the pupil remains at Jersey College Preparatory School. For pupils who transfer to JCG, the consent process will need to be refreshed.

Enrolment Process:

The facial recognition consent forms can be accessed through the links provided by the school office.

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We appreciate your cooperation as we integrate Facial Recognition Technology in a manner compliant with the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018. Your child's security and privacy remain our foremost priorities.