

## LONGHILL HIGH SCHOOL

### sQuid - Cashless Payment System/Biometric Registration

### Information Sheet D

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Dear Parent/Carer

The school operates a cashless method of payment for school meals, trips and other expenses. This is via the **sQuid** online payment system which can be accessed on the internet, via the school website or using a mobile app. You may pre-pay for food and beverage purchases from the canteen via this system. This is an easy and efficient cashless system.

#### **What is sQuid and why should you be using it?**

- It is a secure method of paying for food, trips and other expenses
- It provides parents with the ability to pre-load accounts and monitor and view transactions
- Students on Free School Meals allowance are automatically credited to their account each day
- Creates a speedy and efficient service at the canteen tills, freeing up more break and lunch time for students

sQuid is a secure online payment system that eliminates the need for your child to bring cash or cheques into school. It can be used to pay for school trips, lunches and any other expenses that may be incurred at school.

sQuid funds are pre-loaded to the secure online account and then spent in the canteen using a unique biometric finger print identifier (not an actual fingerprint). We are required to obtain consent from parents or carers before recording students' biometric data. Therefore, we ask that you ensure you tick the consent boxes on the consent form.

We usually complete the scanning on the new students' induction day. If you do not wish to participate in this process the school will make alternative arrangements for your child to purchase food in the canteen using a card. There is a replacement charge payable for lost cards. Please email [cashless@longhill.org.uk](mailto:cashless@longhill.org.uk) if you do not want to have your child biometrically registered.

You will be provided with a unique, secure access code for your sQuid account prior to the start of the school year.

For further information regarding its use please refer to the school website under section: [School Information/Payments to the school](#).

Yours sincerely

#### **Student Services**

**By ticking the relevant box on the parent/student consent form, permission is given to take a biometric measurement of your child's finger. This consent can be withdrawn in writing at any time.**