

## EPnet Cashless in Education

EPnet Cashless is the modern cashless solution to charging for meals, snacks and any other purchases from school/college refectories, tuck shops and stationary stores using a payment card or thumb/finger. EPnet provides a complete, comprehensive cashless system with EPOS terminals, vending terminals and a variety of flexible paying in/Loading options.

This considerably reduces and can eliminate the necessity for students to carry cash onto the premises. The **removal of cash** provides benefits in security, removes a potential opportunity for bullying, encourages students to stay on-site at break times and can be used to encourage healthy eating as well as a full audit trail of pupils eating habits, should there be a need.

EPnet also enables **controlled purchasing** to limit the purchase of certain items, controlling time periods items can be bought and limiting daily spends.

**Refectory** Students present their card/thumb to pay for food and drink in the refectory.



EPnet uses the latest touch-screen electronic tills for ease of use. The card/thumb is read by the till and deducts the cost of the transaction from the pupil's account. To verify the user the system can be connected to the school database and the pupils' photo appear on the screen.

EPnet handles **free meals** with total anonymity and will even allow free meal pupils to "top-up" their allowance for extras like confectionary or drinks.

If there is **insufficient funds** in the students' account, EPnet can be set to allow an "overdraft" to allow a meal to be taken and for the parents to be alerted and funds paid in.

Where fixed price meals are available EPnet has a stand-alone unsupervised **fast track** terminal that simply requires the card/thumb to be presented and a fixed amount is automatically deducted. This acts as a very effective "queue buster" giving a visual or audible alarm to confirm the means of payment has been presented.

Automatic equipment including **vending machines** and photocopiers can also be used with EPnet for controlled access and charging.

**Loading** EPnet Cashless is very flexible for paying in. Being an Account-Based system Loading can be made by cash/cheque at the Finance Office, cash at the Loader machine or via any Internet-enabled PC allowing parents to pay in whilst at work or home.



**Back office control** EPnet is fully controlled from the back office with all system data held centrally. All programming is carried out from the managers PC. Sales analysis, reports and card user history can be accessed from the Managers desk as well.

**Interfaces** EPnet is able to receive downloads from **SIMS** to update the student database plus interfaces to **Biostore** for Biometric thumb/finger print reading and **ParentPay** for Internet loading and **PayPoint** cash loading removing the need for cash in school.

