



Cashless Catering

Speeding up your catering system

EasyTrace Cashless Catering is the most user-friendly cashless catering system on the market. Designed to maximise your catering income and the uptake of school meals, it eradicates the need for cash transactions, cuts queuing times and automates reporting and stock control.

It also enables the promotion of healthy eating and minimises the risk of bullying by reducing the need for students to carry cash in school and ensuring anonymity for those taking free school meals.

EasyTrace solutions are fully integrated by a single, secure, back-end database (Infinity) and linked to your existing MIS and portal systems.

Why use EasyTrace Cashless Catering?

- Reduced queuing times - the cashier can serve up to nine pupils per minute - that's 50% more than with conventional cash tills
- Reduced risks of theft and bullying - no need for students to carry cash
- Anonymity for those receiving free school meals
- Increased uptake of school meals and increased catering income
- Improved efficiencies in cash management - parents can credit their child's account online
- Promotes healthy eating - by allocating reward points to the purchase of specific items
- Ease of reporting - easily report on the day's takings and sales stock.

How it works

The solution works with your choice of identity card or Biometric technology and uses a Point of Sales (POS) unit that is centrally programmed with every item that the catering department sells. The POS unit is fully customisable to offer maximum flexibility. As well as storing every item that the department offers, it may also be programmed with 'meal deals' to help promote healthy eating.

Enabling nutritional reporting

There are a range of standard reports already pre-configured within the Cashless Catering solution, such as stock and audit data. The solution can also be used to record the nutritional content of each school meal and can report back on an individual, year group or whole school basis, so that meal choices can be reviewed and control can be exercised over spending as required. It also enables schools to ensure the right balance of nutritional standards for their pupils.

Return on Investment

With EasyTrace Cashless Catering, a reduction in queuing times combined with anonymity of free school meals can ensure you maximize your catering income. A typical 1200 pupil school, adopting an EasyTrace Cashless Catering solution for the first time could expect to generate an extra 10% in catering income in the first year.



Benefits

- Reduces the need for cash in school
- Reduces queuing time
- Removes free meal stigma
- Minimises the risk of bullying
- Promotes healthy eating
- Increases school meal take-up

Features

- Card or biometric recognition
- Self-service account loaders
- Web based payment interface
- Real-time reporting
- Stock management and control
- Integrates with the existing MIS system

Using the Account Loader

The Account Loader is a wall mounted unit that enables the student's account to be credited. A student inserts or swipes their card at the account loader. The LCD display on the account loader displays their name and current balance. Users who have multiple accounts are able to select which account they wish to credit. The student inserts his/her money and it is automatically credited to their account and the student removes their card.

Crediting accounts

Accounts can easily be topped up:

- Students pay staff who will credit account
- Students use an Account Loader to add cash directly
- Parents send cash or cheque to school to be manually credited
- Parents pay online via ParentPay reducing administration time



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or visit www.easytrace.co.uk

Card Security

If a student loses their card it can be immediately disabled and a temporary replacement issued. Each card holds no value – the money is held on the central database. If someone attempts to use a disabled card, the system rejects it as an invalid card.

Biometrics Security

All biometric data is captured at the school and kept on the school servers. The data is covered under the school data protection licence. The data is unusable for anything other than the EasyTrace cashless catering system. If a parent doesn't want their child's biometric data taken or if it can't be taken for some reason, then for these students we supply cards so that all members of the school community are included.

Integration with other systems

We are the longest standing member of Capita's Premier Partner programme and link with SIMS. We also link to others such as CMIS, Integris G2. EasyTrace Cashless Catering can be delivered as a stand alone module, or can be integrated with other EasyTrace solutions, or with your existing school systems or, in some cases, with other third-party card-based solutions. You choose the structure that suits you best.

See EasyTrace in Action
We are happy to provide a demonstration of any of our solutions or arrange a visit to a school that is already using EasyTrace.

But don't just take our word for it!

“ The speed of the Cashless Catering system is significantly higher than using cash alone and it removes the stigma of free school meals. If you're considering a Cashless Catering solution, don't hesitate, we would happily recommend EasyTrace. ”

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