

EPnet Cashless in Education

EPnet Cashless is the modern cashless solution to charging for meals, snacks and any other purchases from college/university 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 for catering and vending. The **removal of cash** from the Catering outlets speeds up the transactions, reduces queuing and enables students to be given Rewards for regular or healthy eating purchases. A full audit trail of pupils eating habits is also available, 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.

EPnet handles **free meals** with total anonymity and will even allow free meal students 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 payment has been made.

EPnet cashless is compatible with all the major brands of **Vending machines**.

Loading EPnet Cashless is very flexible for paying in. Being an Account-Based system loading can be made with cash at the Loader or via any Internet-enabled device allowing students to top-up from their smartphones/tablets/PCs and parents to top-up also to be able to top-up 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 are all accessed from the Managers desk.

Interfaces

EPnet is able to receive downloads from MIS (e.g. **SIMS**) to update the student database plus interfaces for Biometric fingerprint reading and Internet loading.

