



Dear Parent/Guardian,

MGS will be embarking on a cashless system for our canteen, café and bookshop. This is an exciting endeavour as we move in tandem with the nation to use innovative technology to enhance our lives in today's changing landscape. Through this, we also hope to mitigate the long queues in the canteen as a full school.

The school is partnering with POSB to utilize **POSB Smart Buddy**, the world's first in-school wearable tech programme. The programme has been implemented successfully in several schools and has proven reliable with excellent back-end support.

We plan to roll out the system **in Term 3** for all Primary and Secondary students. The system is currently being trialed by our MGS staff.

We look forward to your daughter's participation in this initiative.

Benefits of a Cashless System

- Equips our girls with the skills to thrive in a technologically-advanced world as more countries and places move towards cashless payments
- Gives parents the ability and convenience of pre-setting your daughter's daily allowance and monitoring her spending via the POSB Smart Buddy app
- Allows for tracking of students' eating habits and activity levels
- Reduces the loss of cash and misplaced wallets with students using the device
- Eases long queues in the canteen as the cashless system allows for tap-and-go contactless payment

Details of the Cashless System

- The system is provided by POSB Smart Buddy, an in-school wearable tech programme
- A POSB savings OR DBS savings/current account and an official mobile number registered with the POSB/DBS account is required. Parents can also opt to automatically transfer your child's allowance savings into his/her ePOSBkids Account monthly.
- The device consists of a Smart Buddy Watch and a NETS Contactless Payment chip.
- The Smart Buddy Watch and NETS Contactless Payment chip may be used to pay for purchases at any merchant that accepts NETS Contactless payment, in and out of school usage
- The NETS Contactless Payment chip may be used separately without the Smart Buddy Watch when making payments (users may opt to keep the chip in the card it comes in, and tap that instead)
- The Smart Buddy Watch tracks steps, calories burnt and distance travelled
- The Smart Buddy Watch is splash and water resistant, but not waterproof
- Payment will be directly debited from the designated savings account
- All purchases will be subjected to the daily spending limit set by parents via a SMART Buddy Mobile App (see below)

Action required: Online registration for all students

17 July - 31 July 2019

1. Sign up at the form [HERE](#) to register for your child
2. The Smart Buddy Watch and NETS Contactless Payment Chip will be delivered to your mailing address under your POSB/DBS account within 7 working days upon successful application
3. Download the Smart Buddy App published by NETS to activate the NETS Contactless Payment Chip. An SMS One-Time Password ("SMS OTP") will be sent to your registered mobile number with POSB/DBS.



4. In the event that the Smart Buddy Watch and/or the NETS Contactless Chip is/are lost, you are obliged to disable the watch for payments via the Smart Buddy App. You will not be liable for the cost of the Smart Buddy Watch in the event of loss, but a fee of S\$30.00 will be imposed for a replacement.
5. We recommend parents to continue to prepare some cash for your child to bring to school as a backup in times of contingency.

More information can be found [on this webpage](#) and [in this video](#), as well as in the attached letter and infographic. For enquiries, please email posbsmartbuddy@dbs.com or refer to www.posb.com.sg/smartbuddyfaq.

We understand that as with all changes, some adjustment to our habits is needed. The school canteen, café and bookshop will continue to cater for the option of paying with cash, but we would like to encourage every student to participate in this.

It is our aim to go fully cashless as a school by **Term 4 2019**.

Thank you for your partnership in getting your child on board this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

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