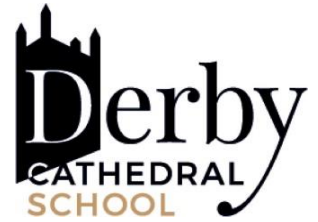


Derby Cathedral School

Newsletter

February 2022



Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It's lovely to start to see the signs of Spring this term. This half term signifies our halfway point through the school year and it is always nice to have the better weather to look forward to.

In terms of coronavirus restrictions, we are still under the direction of our regional public health team who have been concerned about the cases in Derby. However, it's also been great to see opportunities for our students start to open up again. Please do take time to read the news stories in this newsletter; I know that our staff and students have really enjoyed being able to do some small local trips/visits recently.

Our year 10 students are now just over a year away from their GCSE examinations. Their first set of mock assessment results were maturely received last week and we will be following these up with a range of strategies to support further revision. Staff are offering a wide variety of intervention study sessions that many of our year 10 students have attended already. All other year groups will also participate in formal assessments and a range of study support sessions. All students now have the majority of their homework set through knowledge organisers. These are key to support students in learning the key knowledge needed for each of their subjects. Parents/carers and any family members can help support this by testing this knowledge; all the answers are on the page so you don't need to be an expert yourself!

This next half term sees the senior leadership team start to plan our Sixth Form provision in more detail. This will open in September 2023 but applications will be accepted by year 11 students in the Autumn of 2022. This is a really exciting development for the school and we are looking forward to including our current year 9 and 10 students in our decision making.

Another aspect of a developing school is the ongoing staff recruitment that is needed for our additional student cohorts. We have already appointed a number of new teaching staff for September 2022 for the following subjects: English, maths, science, history, Spanish, business, PE, art & DT. We will also be recruiting a number of additional support staff to enable our students and staff to continue to receive strong levels of pastoral and wider support. Year 6 offer day is on 1 March and we also look forward to welcoming our next year 7 cohort.

I hope that you and your family have a happy and restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming our students back next week.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

**A message
from the
Headteacher**

Notices

Parent Governor Election: Winter 2021

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Carol O'Hara was duly elected as Parent governor in the recent Derby Cathedral School Parent Governor Election. We warmly welcome her to the governing body and look forward to her support and expertise in developing our school.

Half Term Activities

Cycle Derby are running lots of fabulous cycling activities during February half term.



www.cyclederby.co.uk

this February half term... 

Youth Track Accreditation

12-16 years

Morning session at Derby Arena, £60

To take part you will need to:

1. Have completed a club session or 2 hours track time with CD on a Track Day [proof required]
2. Be able to maintain a hard tempo of cycling for 60+ mins and ride for multiple hours
3. Be a competent club cyclist; controlled bunch/ chain gang/ sprinting skills

You will also need:

- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

Dates
Thursday 24 February, 9-12pm

Track Day

9-16 years

Day Session at Derby Arena, £30

You need:

- To be a competent cyclist
- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

10-12pm session: Outdoors (skills)
1-3pm session: On the track

Dates
Friday 25 February, 10pm-3pm

Holiday Club

6-12 years

Held at Markeaton Park, £15

2-hour session to build bike skills & have fun

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Snacks & a drink

Dates
Tuesday 22 February, 10am-2pm

Pop Up Cycling

4-8 years

Cycle Club £10
held at Markeaton Park

Mini cycling club for those new to 2 wheels!

You need:

- Your own bike & a helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- A drink

Dates
Monday 21 February, 1pm-2pm

All activities **must** be booked in advance

Please call: 01332 641747 or email: cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

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Water Bottles

Water is vital for brain and body health and functionality. Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle each day to keep hydrated and perform to their best. It can even boost exam results!



Eco Greenhouse: Update

We are collecting 2l plastic bottles to build our 'eco greenhouse' hopefully in the Spring. We still have a way to go and so any bottles would be gratefully received to allow us to build the actual structure. If you are able to support us with bottles, raise funds or donate further towards the cost, please get in touch. Thank you!

Subject Information

Science

We have donated a Merit Still to Labaid – a charity that provides science equipment to schools in developing nations such as Africa. The still was surplus to our needs and we felt it would be best used giving other students the equipment they desperately need to bring their learning to life.



By sharing we hope we can pass on not only education and the love of learning but all of our FAITH values.

Mrs Smith Science

Music

Students have recently been asked to complete a review of the music curriculum, including our current extra-curricular offer. This is to ensure that all students have input into decisions regarding the curriculum. We currently have 5 music clubs on offer, however this will be reviewed after all the results from our 'Students Voice' questionnaire have been analysed.... Watch this space!

Drama

At Christmas, Miss Wrampling and Mrs Eaton took the GCSE music and drama students to see a live production at Derby Theatre. The students are now working on an evaluation of this whilst music students are exploring how the music enhanced the drama on stage. The visit brought our learning to life!

We also have around 15 students enrolled on the arts award programme, working towards their bronze award. There are four parts to the arts award and very achievable for many of our students who are already involved in the arts (music, dance, drama).

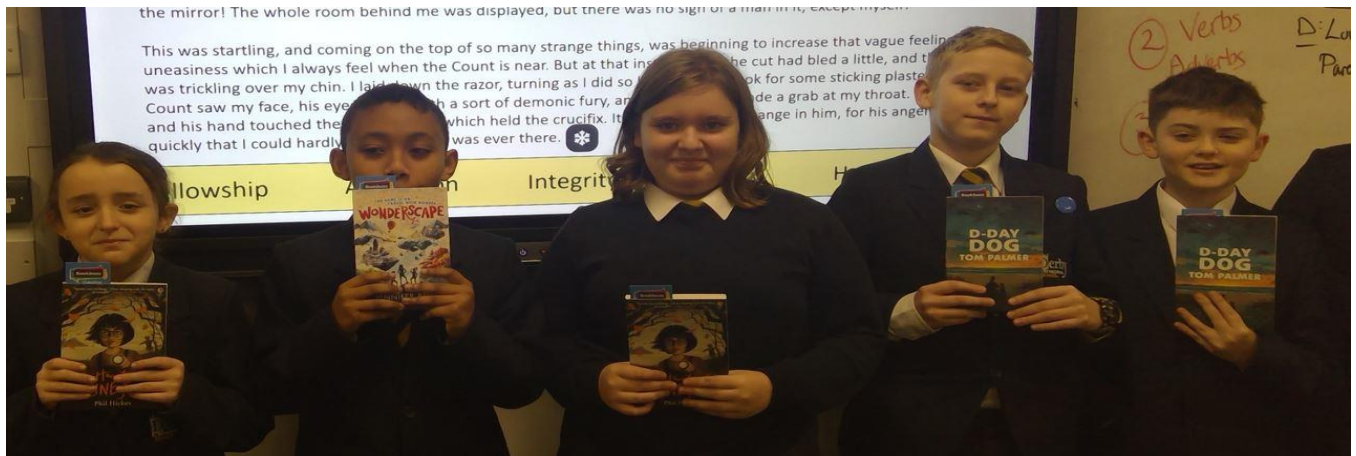


Finally, 6 of our students will be starting their bell-ringing workshops at Derby Cathedral very soon! All will also be using this as evidence towards their 'Duke of Edinburgh' qualification.

Mrs Eaton
Head of Performing Arts

English

Year 7 were thrilled to receive their choice of book from the BookTrust short list as a gift from the school. Students were given a wide range of titles to select from and were really excited to receive their choices. It has been great to see so many students reading them avidly this week in DEAR time and our library lessons! Copies of each of the books have now been placed in the LRC for all year groups to enjoy.



Mrs Lynch
English

Creative Technologies
Year 10 GCSE

Our year 10 student visited Derby Museum and Art Gallery as part of their GCSE course. They are currently studying natural forms, so the Nature Gallery which holds fossils, shells, taxidermy and insect specimens was a highlight for them. The students were also very interested in the exhibits in the World Gallery. The challenging questions that some of the exhibits posed about cultural attitude sparked some interesting debate about the importance of Museums. Students also discussed the relevance of recording changing attitudes so that we continue to make progress towards a more tolerant and inclusive society.



Food Technology

Year 10 Food and Nutrition students celebrated Chinese New Year earlier this month by creating a chicken stir fry and fortune cookies. All students enjoyed learning about the traditions and cultures of Chinese food. Most students were born in the year of the pig so also enjoyed hearing about character traits linked to this- our favourite being that people born in the year of the pig are always energetic and enthusiastic about life!



Ms Radford
Head of Creative Technology

Extra-Curricular

Football Year 7

We are super-proud to report that a student in Year 7 is currently playing for Sheffield United after joining the team a month ago. Watch out Ronaldo!

Careers Update

What's happened?

We are so pleased with how our year 10 students have embraced the task of finding a Work Experience placement, demonstrating enthusiasm and aspiration. Many students in year 10 have now received a 1-1 careers appointment with more to come over the next half term, and all students in years 7-9 have been embracing the Unifrog careers lessons in PSHE. With the year 9 options process underway, it is great to see so many student beginning to think about their next steps.

What's coming up?

Over the next term, we will see students in all year groups take part in career-related learning in their other subjects, with some exciting appearances from local employers, colleges and universities along the way. We are also pleased to announce the launch of the Step into the NHS Competition, which will be run as a lunchtime club from Wednesday 2nd March, and the re-launch of the Robotics Challenge.

Supporting your child

When it comes to careers and next-steps, supporting your child in their decision-making can be confusing, and sometimes even daunting; there is lots of information out there! We would like to share with you a few selected resources and opportunities which can help you do just that:

- Decisionz Magazine - Spring issue:

<http://magazine.decisionz.co.uk/books/ujuo/#p=1>

This will unfortunately be the last issue of Decisionz due to the magazine being discontinued, so please do make the most of the excellent information, resources and activities in it!

- The brand new Pathfinder quiz from Springpod:

<https://apply.springpod.com/applications/path-finder>

A fresh take on the traditional careers/personality test.

- Derby Theatre 'Future Creatives' programme



Technical Academy #REIMAGINE FUTURE CREATIVES

The Future Creatives is a programme for young people aged 13-25 years who live in Derby City and the surrounding areas. Introducing young people to creative pathways through industry workshops, mentoring, free tickets, and opportunities to make and lead their own work. The programme is aimed at young people who may have faced substantial barriers in being able to access arts and cultural activities.

Upcoming Workshops

Costume Design with Imogen Melhuish
Saturday 5th February, 3pm-5:30pm
Derby Theatre

A workshop delving into the world of Costume Design, exploring a number of relevant techniques and strategies for designing costume for production.



Set Design with Maria Terry
Saturday 19th February, 1:30-4pm
Derby Theatre

Join Designer Maria Terry (MA Bristol Old Vic) for a workshop exploring the world of set design, including how to make your sets more eco-friendly. Exploring her approach, with an emphasis on the mindful creation and building of Scenery and Sets, and how it can influence and inspire you in your own creative work.



The Technical Academy programme is run in partnership with Derby Theatre. More workshops to be announced, including Stage Management, Lighting & Sound.

For more information on the Future Creatives programme or workshops contact reimagine@derby.ac.uk or text/call 07775 018123

Free weekend workshops aimed at engaging students who may otherwise face barriers in theatre and arts roles.

- The Parent Perspective careers podcast:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com/the-parent-perspective-podcast/>

An opportunity to hear from industry experts and other knowledgeable professionals in the world of career advice.

- InvestIN weekend and summer career experiences for ages 12-18:

<https://investin.org/pages/choose-your-career>

With programmes exploring Medicine, Law, Engineering and more.

Don't forget

Our school website also contains a whole bank of useful links, as well as information about our careers programme at DCS. The LRC has a growing selection of careers books and resources, including university and college prospectuses. The careers office (room 2.11) is open to students during tutor time and form time each day, and a longer meeting can be requested if needed.

We are always on the lookout for local employers to support our careers programme, through work experience, careers talks and mentoring. If you know anyone suitable, or you yourself would like to get involved, please do get in touch.

We thank you for your continued support,

Miss Rowley

Careers Advisor

Contacting School

In order to help best deal with parental enquiries, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance via email and they will get back to you as soon as possible. Their contact details as well as those of your child's Head of Year can be found on the Derby Cathedral School website via the following link:

<https://derbycathedralschool.org.uk/pastoral-care/pastoral-care-overview>

They are able to help with any queries you may have especially regarding ClassCharts entries or incidents.

All other contacts of a non-urgent nature should be made to school via the usual telephone number 01332 325710 or via info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk.

Please bear with us as we are a growing school with more students than ever before. Staff often teach extra lesson at the end of the day, run extra-curricular activities or are in planned meetings. It is increasingly difficult to see parents without appointments and so we would advise contacting school initially to avoid any disappointment regarding staff availability. Please be assured that staff will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience.

Coronavirus Update: Letter from Dr Robyn Lewis, Director of Public Health

Please see the letter below



Derby City Council

Team Public Health
Contact Robyn Dewis
Our ref RD/NO

Date 9th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite reports that COVID infections are falling, we are still seeing a high number of COVID cases in the City, over 2000 each week. Cases in children are at their highest since the start of the pandemic. Many schools and early years providers are working extremely hard to keep settings open while ensuring children and staff are safe. Despite this we have a number of settings that have needed to take additional actions to respond to outbreaks.

I am writing to ask for your help and support to reduce Covid-19 spread and keep schools and settings open. I hope that, by working together, we can keep children in face to face education for the coming months.

We continue to advise schools and childcare providers to:

- Increase ventilation inside and to be outside as much as possible.
- Ensure a continued focus on thorough and frequent cleaning, along with increased handwashing and sanitising.
- Ask parents to continue to wear face coverings at drop-off and pick-up or if they visit inside.
- Ask staff to continue to wear face coverings where possible and appropriate, including in communal areas in some schools with outbreaks.
- Encourage staff and secondary school children to use the home testing/ lateral flow kits twice a week and report results. These tests are to use regularly when you do not have any symptoms. Our advice is that these tests can also be used by Primary aged children if parents are happy to do this.
- Identify any contacts of positive cases and provide advice that is based on the setting's rates of infection.
- Remind everyone that those with symptoms need to stay at home and take a PCR test. Children should not return to the setting before the result comes back and staff may ask to see the result.
- Remind everyone who is positive for COVID that they need to isolate at home.
- In some outbreak situations head teachers may ask household contacts to stay at home until they have had a negative PCR result.

People Services, The Council House, Corporation Street, Derby, DE1 2FS
derby.gov.uk

To view Derby City Council Privacy Notices please visit derby.gov.uk/privacy-notice



I am asking parents to:

- Continue to use the home testing/ lateral flow kits twice a week and report the results. Parents can use them with younger children if they feel able to.
- Wear a face covering if you need to gather with others when you drop-off or collect your child, unless exempt. Some settings continue to require this.
- If your child has COVID symptoms (a new cough, a temperature or loss of taste/smell) please keep them at home and arrange a PCR test. If your school currently has an outbreak then other symptoms such as sore throat or cold symptoms may also indicate COVID infection.
- If your child is identified as a contact, please follow the advice provided by your school or childcare provider. This might include a bookable PCR test, daily LFTs for children over 5 or younger if parents agree. In some circumstances your child may be asked to move to home learning.
- If there is a current outbreak in your child's school, or your child is identified as a contact, please consider the activities they undertake out of the school setting. Please consider reducing their contact with vulnerable people, including those who are older or in poor health, for the period of the outbreak.

Thank you for your support in keeping your setting open and everyone safe.

Yours sincerely



Dr Robyn Dewis
Director of Public Health

PCR test- taken at a test site or as a postal kit and sent off to the lab

LFT- the one you do at home and get your results immediately

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 03 March 2022

SECONDARY SCHOOL BASED VACCINATIONS FOR TEENAGE BOOSTER (DTP) AND MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY (MEN ACWY)

The School Age Immunisation Service (SAIS) for Derbyshire and Derby City will be offering **all year 9** students the Teenage Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio) and Meningococcal ACWY (Men ACWY) vaccinations during the Spring Term.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Your unique school code for **Derby Cathedral School** is **DC143734**

For more information about the vaccination and the date we are due into your school please visit our website: <https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations>

Friday 11 March 2022

Covid-19 Booster Vaccinations for 12-15 year Olds

Following national guidance we will be offering the second dose of Covid-19 vaccination to young people age 12 – 15 and will be continuing to use the e-consent as with other vaccine programmes. **We are also able to offer the first dose in school if your child hasn't yet received a vaccination.**

Children must be 12 on the day of vaccination. Please complete the consent regardless of whether you have completed one previously. We will only use newly completed forms.

There must be a gap of 12 weeks (84 days) between first and second doses. If there isn't then your child will be refused vaccination on the day. Please only consent if your child will be eligible. There must also be a gap of 12 weeks between Covid infection and vaccination. If your child contracts Covid after completing the form or receives their vaccine elsewhere, please let the team know so we can remove them from our list.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/CovidDose2> to complete the consent form.

Your unique school code for **Derby Cathedral School** is **DC143734**

If possible, please make sure your child is wearing short sleeves and eats breakfast on the day of vaccination.

Please be aware that due to storage requirements of the vaccine the team will need to know the number of vaccines needed in advance. Therefore, the consent system will close 2 working days prior to the session at 9am. If your school session is on a Monday, the form will close the Thursday before and schools on Tuesday will close on Friday. We will not be able to add extra forms once it has closed.

For more information about the vaccination please visit [COVID-19 Vaccination Guide for Young People 12-17](#)

If you experience any problems completing either consent form or would like further information, please call the School Age Immunisation Team as below.

Repton Health Centre: 01283 707178

Clay Cross Hospital: 01246 252953

Safeguarding

Safeguarding concerns

If you have any concerns related to safeguarding then please do contact either social services or the police. If you feel that a child is in immediate danger then call 999.

Derby City Children's Social Care First Contact Team: 9am to 5pm 01332 641172 or out of hours 01332 956606

You can also report non-urgent concerns online

https://myaccount.derby.gov.uk/en/service/report_concerns_about_a_child

If you believe that a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should **call the police on 999 or if less urgent 101.**

Alternatively if you want advice from the police and the child is not in immediate need of protection, you can call them on 0845 123 33 33

You can also keep the safeguarding team informed of any concerns or issues. However, please note that they are not in work so should not be used to report safeguarding concerns to over the holidays. Please feel welcome to email just to keep them informed of any situations.

Mrs J Brown (Designated Safeguarding Lead) j.brown@derbycathedralschool.org.uk

Mrs J Nethercott (Deputy DSL) j.nethercott@derbycathedralschool.org.uk

Please note these email addresses are not regularly monitored during school holidays.

We have recently been made aware that there are some shops in Derby who are selling vape products to under-18s.

This is illegal and we have reported this to the police. It is also illegal for anyone under 18 to buy vape products. As such, any vape products brought into school or used by our students in public will result in the confiscation of any items found and a sanction as part of our behaviour system. You will also be informed.

We know that this only affects a very small proportion of teenagers. However, with the local concern around the illegal selling of these products, we wanted to bring this matter to your attention. If you are concerned that your child is involved in vaping and wish to talk to us about accessing support, you are very welcome to do so. Please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

We have recently been made aware that some students have been scratching their hands and arms, usually using compasses. This seems to be a national situation and not just at Derby Cathedral School or Derby more generally.

We ask that parents remain vigilant around this behaviour and please report any incidence to your child's form tutor in the first instance.

There is a leaflet on our website offering advice

Parent Information, Parent Leaflets, Safeguarding and Wellbeing Leaflet.

There is support available online:

Harmless - <https://harmless.org.uk/>

ChatHealth – text 07507 327104 for support and guidance.

The following helplines give support and advice on a number of issues including personal safety, mental health and well-being.

Build Sound Mind: <https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/derbyshire/build-sound-minds/make-a-referral/>

Childline: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC – 0800 028 3550 www.nspcc.org.uk

Samaritans – 116 123

Shout – www.giveusashout.org Text Shout to 85258 This is a text helpline for anyone feeling anxious, worried or stressed and needing to talk to someone about it.

Kooth – www.kooth.com This is an online counselling service for young people

Relate counselling – 0808 178 9363 (free helpline for couples, children and those affected by Autistic Spectrum Condition. Available: Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am – 1.00pm. The helpline gives people the opportunity to speak directly to an experienced Relate trained counsellor, without having to make an appointment. For further information contact 01332 349177 or 07741193484 or email info@relatederby.org.uk

www.relatederby.org.uk

LGBT+ Support – <https://www.derbyshirelgbt.org.uk/>

Online Safety Parent Support www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/

ChatHealth – For students aged 11-19 needing advice around emotional health, contact ChatHealth on 07507 327104

Caterlink

Caterlink: Tariff Update

From Monday 28 February, the following price changes will apply to the refectory menu at Derby Cathedral School. There will be no change in the cost of 'meal deal' as this still represents the best value for money.

Parents are reminded to ensure that your child has enough funds each day to purchase food items. If your child has an overspend, please add funds to their accounts as soon as possible to clear any debt. If you have any issues regarding lunch money debt, do get in touch so that we may assist.

ITEM	CURRENT PRICE	PROPOSED PRICE	INCREASE
BREAK			
Sausage Rolls	£1.20	£1.25	4.2%
Hot Filled Rolls (e.g bacon)	£1.10	£1.15	4.5%
Pain au Chocolat	£1.05	£1.10	4.8%
Croissant	£1.05	£1.10	4.8%
Waffle	£1.25	£1.30	4.0%
Tortillas & Dip	£1.10		No Increase
Cheese & Onion Roll	£1.10	£1.15	4.5%
Hashbrowns (ea.)	£0.40		No Increase
Wraps (Hot) from	£1.80	£1.90	5.6%
Breakfast Bagel	£1.60	£1.65	0.03125
LUNCH			
Main Meal Deal (FSM)	£2.50		No Increase
Main Meal (Hot)	£2.00		No Increase
Main Meal Deal (Cold)	£2.50		No Increase
Hot Dessert	£0.90	£1.00	11.1%

Hot Pasta & Sauce small	£1.20	£1.25	4.2%
Hot Pasta, Sauce large	£1.75	£1.80	2.9%
Jacket Potato - (1 x filling)	£1.70		No Increase
Jacket Potato - (2 x filling)	£2.00		No Increase
Jacket Potato Meal Deal	£2.50		No Increase
Concept Meal Deal	£2.50		No Increase
Panini	£2.00		No Increase
Pizza Slice	£1.25	£1.30	4.0%
Homebake	£0.75	£0.80	6.7%
Homemade Cookies	£0.75	£0.80	6.7%
Sandwich/Roll Basic	£1.40		No Increase
Sandwich/Roll Premium	£1.60		No Increase
Baguettes	£1.80	£1.90	5.6%
Wraps (Cold) from	£1.80	£1.90	5.6%
Pasta Pot (Cold 12oz)	£1.30		No Increase
Chips/Wedges	£1.10	£1.15	4.5%
Pizza Market (6")	£2.10	£2.20	4.8%
Small fruit/dessert pot from	£0.45		No Increase
Large fruit/dessert pot from	£0.85		No Increase



Parentpay

DCS is a cashless school and use a payment platform called Parentpay. All parents/carers have been assigned activation details. This allows you to pay for school shop items/ trips & visits/ lunch money and much more. If you are still yet to activate your account or need reminding of your unique details, please get in touch and colleagues will assist.

Free School Meals

Derby City Council Funding Free School Meals over the February Half Term

Derby City Council is delighted to continue to offer entitled children and families financial support for Free School Meals during the February Half Term 2022. Vouchers have been sent, each worth £15 that can be used at any of the following seven supermarkets:

Aldi, Asda, Morrisons, M&S, Sainsbury, Tesco and Waitrose.

If you are not currently in receipt of Free School Meals but would like to submit a claim, please do so as soon as possible via the following link:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/schoolsandcolleges/free-school-meals-2018-23-May-2018-v3.pdf>

If you require any advice or guidance regarding entitlement, please contact Derby City Council:

- Phone: 01332 640444
- Email: freeschoolmeals@derby.gov.uk