



19th March 2020

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – Children in receipt of a Free School Meal
Provision of a school meal during partial or full closure**

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter outlines our strategy to **support the provision of free school meals** to our eligible children in the coming days given that access to school has been restricted.

It is impossible to know at this point the longer term strategy for the country and for education provision. In addition, at the time of writing this, there is no published government strategy that outlines how school meal provision is delivered during this period. **We have taken a decision to act independently in the best interests of our children and families** who usually receive a free school meal. Our response in the short term is as follows:

- **We are issuing ASDA food vouchers to the value of £25 for every free school meal child.**
- **This is to cover an initial period of 10 school days. (Allocation is usually £2.35 per child)**

There are two ways in which you can receive your voucher.

- **Attend the school reception today between 12.30pm and 3.00pm and between 9.00am and 3.00pm tomorrow (Friday 20 March) to collect and sign for your voucher.**
- **Any families who are unable to attend to sign will have their vouchers posted from 3.00pm tomorrow (Friday 20 March). Our postal collection is 3.00pm.**

This meal allocation is intended to cover the 10 school day period **Monday 23 March to Friday 3 April 2020.**

It is not yet possible to inform you of meal arrangements beyond the 10-day period. The UK government have not yet released further details of how they will support families.

I anticipate having more detailed information in the coming days and weeks and when I do, I will inform you of how we will support you in providing your child's entitlement to a meal every day.

Please do not hesitate to call the school if you require further information on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Fraser
Principal