



2 April 2020 – FREE SCHOOL MEAL UPDATES

Following the government announcement of a national voucher system for schools and eligible families, our response is as follows:

- The government do not fund schools for free school meals during scheduled holidays.
- This position remains unchanged during the current crisis.
- Sir William Stanier School began funding free school meal eligible families via a food voucher on Monday 30 March. This was to cover a two-week period up to and including Friday 3 April.
- Despite a lack of additional funding from government, **we will continue to fund eligible free school meal families via the same voucher scheme during the Easter break - between Monday 6 April and Friday 17 April.**
- Families will receive their next two-week voucher allocation by post. Vouchers will be posted out on Friday 3 April in our end-of-day postal collection.
- We will begin with the new government voucher scheme from Monday 20 April. I will write to families before then to outline how these vouchers can be accessed.
- Further information for families will be included with the vouchers.

Parents/Carers with questions related to free school meals should contact the school reception on 01270 660880

Stay safe and healthy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Fraser', written over a horizontal line.

Jason Fraser
Principal