



St. Michael's Church of England Primary School



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Our school values: Respect · Kindness · Challenge · Forgiveness · Perseverance

Dear Parents

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FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

I am writing to you to let you know how we will be providing Free School Meals (FSM) to your family during lockdown.

The Government have not set up a voucher scheme in the same way they did last time. We have therefore decided that we will work with our current meal provider Orian to provide 'Food Parcels' to our families. The parcels will contain a range of food items which will enable you to provide lunches for your children from Monday to Friday. This system will be up and running from the end of this week. I will therefore be issuing another voucher this week for £15 per child, through Wonde, to cover Week Two of the term (unless I have already spoken to you).

You will receive a weekly food parcel delivery from school. These will be delivered to your door by school staff (unless I have already spoken to you. This week the delivery will be made on Friday 15 January to cover the week beginning 18 January. For subsequent weeks the delivery will be made on a Monday. If you are not in when we deliver the parcel we will try to leave it in a safe place and will text you to let you know. If you would prefer to collect your parcel from school, please let us know by Thursday 14 January so we can make arrangements.

For those of you accessing a critical worker place at school you can request a packed lunch made by school in place of the food parcel. If your child only accesses school for a few days per week it is not possible to receive the food parcel and have the school packed lunch on the days they are in school. You will therefore need to decide whether it is best to have packed lunches on a few days or receive the parcel and provide your own packed lunches. You will need to let me know by this Thursday what you have decided to do.

For those children accessing school full time through a critical worker place you may decide just to go with 5 days of packed lunches provided by school rather than receiving the parcels. Again you will need to let me know by this Friday.

As always please do get in touch if you have any queries. We are here to help and support you however we can.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Paisley
Headteacher