

26th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Free School Meals

I am writing further to my previous communication regarding Free School Meals.

The last few days have been extremely challenging as we all adjust to the new reality of living under the current restrictions.

In terms of Free School Meals, we have been working with BCP Council in order to set up a co-ordinated response across the local area. This will be up and running next week. I will write again with further details later this week.

The key points about the system being introduced will include:

- BCP Council will purchase digital codes which will then be passed onto parents directly
- Parents can redeem the codes by going on line and choosing which store to use
- Store choices are: Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencers and Waitrose
- Parents can either print the code which is either a QR box or a barcode or use a smartphone
- If a parent is not online and needs support, we will support you and redeem codes for you. (We would need parents to tell us the shop of preference.)
- Any money not spent would remain on the code and can be used subsequently

We are working hard to get this system up and running as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding the scale of the logistical challenges posed by this situation.

We will ensure retrospective payments are made to ensure each parents receives their full entitlement of free school meal funding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Yours faithfully



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