

‘Living, Loving, Learning’

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, can I say that I hope you are all well at this worrying time. There is quite rightly an awful lot of worry and we hope that you and the children are safe indoors.

School, as you may know has continued to open, for a VERY limited number of children. Again, as per Government guidelines, we ask you only to bring your child to school if there is no other alternative. If one family member is a key worker, but another is not, the guidelines state that they should look after children where possible to adhere to social distancing policy. It feels really strange to have the school so empty of children and also to have so few staff here. We hope that things can get back to normality as soon as possible.

As you should be aware, school is trying to provide a meal to every child who is entitled to a Free School Meal. This only applies to those who have **registered for a free school meal through the Local Authority** and have been accepted onto the scheme. Unfortunately it does not apply to all infant children who currently receive a free meal as part of a universal offer- only those who have been means tested through the Local Authority.

This week, we have been asking you to call to order a packed lunch for your children if they are entitled to one through the free school meal service. **THIS SYSTEM WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR THE NEXT 2 DAYS.**

However, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, our school and several others have linked up with ADM Meats (Formerly TA Owens) who are situated on Bridge Road Industrial Estate (L21 2QG). We have provided them with a list of children who we have registered for Free School Meals (Income Based) and who have registered through the Local Authority.

Therefore, From Monday, Parents/Carers will be able to attend the shop and are entitled to £10.50 worth of shopping for **each eligible child** per week.

If you have 2 children eligible, you would be entitled to £21.00 (2 x £10.50) each week

Please note:

- The shop has been given the list by ourselves based on latest entitlements we have. If there are any children not on the list, **goods will not be given**. This is not the fault of the shop, so please call school in the event of any queries.
- You will need to provide the initial of your child's first name, their surname and also your postcode.

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- Please try to attend in small numbers. Staff do not want the shop to be over-crowded as they have their own health to consider. We ask that only 1 family member enters the shop at any time.
- This is a weekly rolling arrangement. If this were to change in the future, we will inform you as soon as possible.
- Amounts cannot be accumulated. You are only entitled to one lot of £10.50 per week- **if it is not used, it is lost.**
- If you spend more than your amount, you will need to pay the difference. If you spend less than the amount, you will lose this.
- We are highly grateful to ADM Meats for allowing us to work in this way. They are a local business, who do lots for our community. Please be respectful to them as they are trying to support us through a difficult period.
- Opening hours are currently 7.00am – 5.30pm Monday to Saturday. They are closed on a Sunday.

We understand that no method of providing meals is perfect for everyone, but we hope that this enables all children to receive the meals that they deserve in order to help families through this period.

Keep safe everyone.

Mr Daniels



Mr L Daniels  
Headteacher

