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Dear Parents/Carers

Once again, I would like to wish you well during this difficult time. We hope that you and your family are safe.

I am just writing to update you on the FSM situation.

When schools were closed, the Government said that they would try to organise a voucher system, but nothing was forthcoming. As you are aware, along with several other schools, we set up a partnership with ADM Meats. This was put in place to commence this week, with each eligible child having an allocation of £10.50. We were extremely grateful to ADM Meats for this, as it was the best way to ensure that as many pupils as possible could receive an allocation. The shop has an excellent reputation in serving the local community and also does lots for local charitable organisations.

We have had a lot of positive feedback both around the system put in place, and also the shop and their staff. However, I am a little alarmed and quite frankly embarrassed at some negative comments that have appeared on social media. The shop and their staff are working flat out to keep supplies in place and to serve customers. I ask that if you have any comments or concerns, you please address them with me, rather than by confronting shop staff or posting negative comments. This is a well-established family business who are doing all that they can to serve the community in these testing times and as such they do not need or appreciate these comments.

The Government has today released some new guidance to schools and we will consider these moving forwards. As a school, we only have to provide money for lunches on days the children should be with us, when the school is usually open. We are looking at providing some assistance over the Easter and will let you know these details shortly.

Please let's work together as we all move forward in this troubling and stressful period.

Yours sincerely

Mr L Daniels
Headteacher

