

2nd April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

TO ALL FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you may be aware the government has announced details on the national Free School Meal Voucher Scheme for those eligible; we are now in a position to advise you what will happen next at Pathfinder Schools.

Since the government announced the closure of schools, we have been working with abm, our catering provider, to ensure that there are meals available for those attending and also packed lunches for those at home. We fully understand that the collection of these can be difficult. With this in mind, we have now decided that all Pathfinder Schools will move to the voucher scheme – this will be backdated to Monday 30th March.


This means that you will be getting a voucher for £15 per child for each week of the school term that the schools remain closed. Please see accompanying fact sheet from the Government for full details.

For those children attending school, a meal will be provided as usual and there will be no entitlement to the voucher.

Unfortunately, government guidelines state that there will be no entitlement to Free School Meals during school holidays. The Easter holidays are from Monday 6th April until Friday 17th April 2020. Where schools are open during the school holiday periods, Free School Meals will continue to be provided for those who attend.

There may be a slight delay in getting the first vouchers to you whilst our school registers with the new system. Please ensure that the school have your email address, this will be the usual method of delivery. Please contact the school office if you do not have an email address.

If you have any questions over the scheme, please contact the school office in the first instance. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging period.



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Chief Executive



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