



Dear Parent/ Carer

The Government have updated their guidance on providing free school meals for children who are isolating due to Covid-19. The guidance states that:

Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical or public health advice, we (the Department for Education) expect schools to be able to provide food parcels for pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals during term-time.

As a result, we will no longer be providing supermarket vouchers for those families whose children are isolating and will instead be providing food parcels through our school meals provider. When you contact the school to inform us that your child will need to isolate due to Covid-19, we will ask you whether they are entitled to free school meals. If they are then you will be offered a weekly food parcel whilst that they are isolating. You have the choice as to whether you would like to receive these parcels or not but we **will not** be able to send supermarket vouchers instead. We will be doing the same if we have to send a bubble home to isolate in the event of a confirmed case.

If you would like to receive a food parcel then we will provide you with a specific collection day and time slot. It is important that you collect your parcel promptly as we are unable to store chilled items for a prolonged length of time. Where you are unable to collect the parcel due to household isolation, you can tell the school that they have asked a friend, volunteer or family member to collect it on your behalf.

Information about what is contained within the parcel is as follows:

Contents

Chilled items - Cheese, Frubes, Milk

Ambient items - Bread, Baking Potatoes, Cucumber, Tomatoes, Fruit, Tuna, Eggs, Baked Beans

Storage - Place chilled items in the fridge on receipt and use all items before labelled dates.

Food Item	Allergen
Bread	Gluten, Soya, Wheat
Tuna	Fish
Eggs	Egg
Cheese	Milk
Frubes	Milk
Milk	Milk

Depending on supplier availability, food items may need to be substituted from time to time. We cannot guarantee absence of trace ingredients, in any of the products listed.

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Should you have any questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kind Regards,

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(Headteacher)