



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

22nd January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

COVID 19 – FSM Plans Moving Forwards

You will no doubt be aware over the last fortnight in response to the current lockdown that we have continued to provide weekly food parcels, funded out of the school budget, for families in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM). As a school with a school kitchen, kitchen staff and a contracted food supplier this has allowed us to continue to support our local food supplier during such a difficult period but also to support our families in ensuring they have access to basic supplies where provisions may be short or difficult to access. This has also allowed us to continue to support our local community, particularly local businesses and local employment, during such unprecedented times.

Recently the Government announced plans to reopen the National Voucher scheme to support FSM pupils and families. As such, we have made the decision that we will provide vouchers for the next few weeks for our FSM families. Eligible pupils are entitled to a £15 voucher each week. To reduce the need for parents to visit school and come out unnecessarily we have made the decision to group the voucher so all eligible families will receive a £60 voucher for Sainsbury's to cover the week beginning 18th January, 25th January, 1st February and 8th February.

Vouchers have been printed in school for every eligible pupil and these will be available to collect from Monday 25th January from the school office. You will need to sign for your voucher on collection. Please note, once collected, it is imperative that you look after the vouchers as these cannot be reprinted or reissued. We are still awaiting further information with regards to funding over the February term break and will be in touch once we have any further information.

If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch via office@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk. Thank you for your continued support during this challenging period – it is fabulous to see all the children on screen and their learning through Teams. Please look after yourselves and your families – we look forward to seeing you all again soon. Hopefully this won't be too long!

Kind Regards,

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