



THE APPLETON SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Free School Meals Letter

Firstly may I take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding surrounding the unprecedented events regarding changes to the national educational provision announced by the Government on Wednesday. As you are aware the Government is closing all schools as of today for all children, however they remain open for children in the following categories:

Looked After Children (Children who are currently fostered)

Children on Educational Health Care Plans

Children who have attached to them a social worker

Children of Key Workers as identified in the attached document

However the Government has also stated that schools need to be responsible for providing students who have free school meals with a hot meal. I am therefore inviting your child to be in school for our school lunch time which is from 1:15pm to 2:45pm. Students will only be in school for this period as we are working on a skeleton staff. We ask that students arrive in school no sooner than 1pm and after signing in go to the Main School Hall. Students will also be required to sign out at the end of the lunch period at our attendance office at Student Services. Our full school menu service will be available. We are making different arrangements for students in our sixth form.

For students living outside of our immediate catchment area please be reminded that there is no school bus provision during our period of revised service. However under these circumstances students may use public transport. Students should retain their ticket from their journey into school. Students should then give this ticket to our Finance Department on the same day. We will then pay the student the full return ticket price.

I believe at some point in the future schools will be able to provide vouchers for food stores instead of requiring students to come into school. When this occurs I will contact you further to give you further details.

Whilst in school students should initially be in school uniform.

I appreciate that we are operating in very uncertain times and in the event of further Government advice to schools, I will inform you of any revised arrangements. If there is anything else I can do to support you at this very difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Kerridge
Headteacher

