



25th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Access to Free School Meals during the COVID-19 emergency

We want to ensure that all students who are entitled to Free School Meals (FSMs) will have access to them during this time of school closure. An increasing number of families are not able to come in and collect meals, so the arrangements for FSM access have changed since I last wrote to you.

Supermarket vouchers

The government is set to release guidance on a national strategy, which will allow those eligible for FSMs to access supermarket vouchers during this time of emergency. We are not sure when this strategy will be launched, so in the interim we have set up a system which enables us to provide supermarket e-vouchers to the value of £2.35 per day per child. These vouchers can be redeemed in the major supermarkets, including ASDA, Sainsbury's, Morrisons and Tesco.

From today (Wednesday 25th March) we will email supermarket e-vouchers daily to the parents of ALL students who are eligible for FSMs. This will continue until the national scheme is launched. If your child is eligible for FSMs but you do not want to receive the supermarket e-vouchers, please email info@princehenrys.co.uk (with the subject 'FSM Vouchers') to confirm this, so that the vouchers can be used for other students who are in need.

Those eligible for Free School Meals who are attending the school-based provision

Vulnerable students and children of key workers (who meet the criteria outlined in my previous letter) may be attending the school-based provision. In this case, those eligible for FSMs can continue to access their school meals in the normal way as the canteen remains open.

Those eligible for Free School Meals not attending school, but are able to come into school

Many students eligible for FSMs are not attending school due to the closure arrangements, however they remain healthy and are not self-isolating. Currently (this may change in the future) these students are still be able to collect their school meals directly from school as the canteen will prepare hot and cold 'take out' food. Meals will be available for collection at 12.30pm each day. After collecting their meal, students will be expected to return home straight away.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Ms Janet Sheriff
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