

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Free School Meals Update

I am writing to you today with an update on how we will arrange free school meals going forward during the current lockdown.

As an Oasis academy, and like all schools, we are committed to providing nutritious food to our pupils. Previously, in line with DfE guidance, we have been working with our catering partners to provide food parcels to those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meal (FSM).

You will have seen significant media coverage recently around school meals. The Government have now reopened a national voucher scheme like the one they ran in April 2020. Oasis Community Learning has made the decision to switch to this national voucher scheme from **Monday 18th January**. So, what does this mean for your child?

My child is currently eligible to attend school

If your child is currently attending school in line with government guidance our kitchens remain open to provide a hot, nutritious meal. Oasis Community Learning has made clear that if your child qualifies for FSM and is attending school, they will receive both a voucher and a meal at school.

My child is not currently eligible to attend school, but qualifies for FSM

If your child qualifies for FSM and is not attending school, they will now receive a supermarket voucher to the value of £15 per week. They will no longer receive a food parcel.

My child is not currently eligible to attend school, but would normally receive lunch through Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

The Government is not asking schools to provide food to pupils who normally receive lunch through the UIFSM scheme, however we recognise the positive impact nutritious food has on all our children's well-being.

Therefore, we would like to offer our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, who do not qualify for FSM and are not currently eligible to attend school, a nutritious food box once every two weeks delivered to your child's home address.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they do not qualify for FSMs, and they are not currently eligible to attend school, you will be able to receive a food box. More information about this on Monday. During the current lockdown, the boxes will be delivered every fortnight unless you ask us to cancel.

Thank you for your attention on this important issue. As ever, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,



Angela Sweeting
Principal

