



## HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

the Easter Break is approaching. I appreciate this year it may be somewhat different in feeling given the current situation. We know that many families are facing increased pressures, not just from having to juggle children being at home longer term but also many families having to try and work remotely or even finding themselves furloughed or on reduced incomes due to the global coronavirus situation.

This week we moved to a supermarket voucher system for free school meals provision. We know it hasn't been 100% plain sailing so thank you for your patience in the set up of an entirely new system and process. We are working with the supermarkets to iron out initial problems.

The Government have confirmed that free school meals will **not** be funded across the Easter Break and therefore we are not in a position to provide the vouchers. The vouchers will restart when term technically restarts (20<sup>th</sup> April).

However, as a trust and Academy we feel strongly that we would like to be able to support our community in a small way during this time. We are therefore looking at providing Easter Boxes for families who may appreciate them during this time. These boxes are likely to contain some essential/basic food supplies for the family along with some other items if we can source. They will be prepared by a volunteer team of trust staff and then delivered by this team next week for use across the two weeks.

I am putting this offer out to all families. However, clearly this will require significant investment, coordination and resourcing so am asking that you only sign up if you think this provision would be needed and welcomed by your family. There are no questions asked (well, apart from the obvious information the sign up form asks for) and no strings attached to this offer.

I apologise in advance for the incredibly tight turnaround but if we are going to successfully acquire the provisions and organise the logistics of putting together and delivering we need families to sign up by 12pm **tomorrow (Thursday 2nd April)**.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ViObpySMIkM0IMbibQtAkUAx1gvC1VpFuh9EdzuPBJ1UQ0NEWFY0S1BZUU45SVpZV1Q2OTRYSDMSVS4u>

Best wishes at this time,

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Principal

