



Friday 20th March, 2020

Free School Meals

Dear Parents/Carers,

If your child is entitled to free school meals, our school will be providing you with Asda shopping vouchers. School meals cost £2.30 per day, therefore you will receive £23.00 every two weeks (10 school days).

You have two choices of how to receive these vouchers:

- via email
- collection from school (dates to be confirmed)

Please call school ASAP to organise this.

From 23 March, the Council has also set up a scheme to help with food costs for families who are facing additional financial challenges due to the Covid 19 virus.

To qualify your family must be Manchester residents or supported by the Homelessness Service. The criteria is:

- Children and young people who meet the criteria for free school meals (where the school have not got other arrangements in place);
- Children and young people who are classed as an asylum seeker; and
- Children and young people whose family has been hardest hit by the recent issues and may be waiting for benefits to be assessed or have a gap in their income due to being laid off etc.

The contribution towards a lunchtime meal is £1.75 per day (£8.75 per week) for each child or young person in the household.

The Council will be able to pay this money within a few days by the following methods

- A bank transfer into a nominated bank account
- A secure text message that can be used to access cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city

**IT IS VITAL THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS SCHOOL – PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO HOLIDAYS ARE TO BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME.
NO AUTHORISATION WILL BE GIVEN UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**



- A voucher that can be printed and can then be exchanged for cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city.

To make an application please submit a request via the Council's Welfare Provision Scheme

[https://lwa.financialassessments.co.uk/OnlineApplication/\(S\(1w2yi5bjmzswqg0vvciplvtv\)\)/Introduction.aspx?form=LWAFULL&time=637202318515007959,1584635052308](https://lwa.financialassessments.co.uk/OnlineApplication/(S(1w2yi5bjmzswqg0vvciplvtv))/Introduction.aspx?form=LWAFULL&time=637202318515007959,1584635052308)

WE WILL BE POSTING REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE (www.abbott.manchester.sch.uk) AND FACEBOOK @AbbottCommunityPrimary

Any further questions, please contact school.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Wilson