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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are keeping well and healthy throughout this uncertain and difficult time. I am writing today to update you on the Trust's free school meals arrangements.

To date, we have worked alongside our food provider Chartwells to deliver emergency food packs to those who are entitled to free school meals. After the Easter school holidays these arrangements will change, and we will be implementing the Government's Food Voucher scheme.

Parents will be provided with vouchers that have a value of £15 per child per week. These vouchers can be used at any of the participating supermarkets which currently are Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose and Marks and Spencer. The Department for Education is hoping all supermarket chains will sign up in due course.

The preferred and simplest method for delivery is via email, so if you have not provided your child's school with an active email address please can you send to g.stevens@tsatrust.org.uk by **10/3/2020** so we can get your account set up? If you do not have access to an email account we have made alternative arrangements to support you. Please contact the school's office to discuss these arrangements. Further information on the free school meals scheme can be found [here](#).

We are aware of false emails being sent out from fraudsters claiming to support families who are entitled to free school meals and requesting bank details. Please be assured that we will never ask for your bank details and all free school meal vouchers will be issued via an email to your chosen account or by post, if applicable. If you are unsure whether an email is from the school, please contact us.

We will continue to support families in providing healthy food for their children and will be working with Chartwells to offer some healthy, cost-effective recipes for families and fun ideas for cooking with children. Keep a look out for the Thinking Food bulletins after Easter.

In the meantime, please look after yourselves and your families, stay at home and do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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