



Ms Sue Lovecy, Head of School

20 March 2020

Dear parent/carer,

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have now received the guidance from the Government about Free school meals. There is a requirement for schools to continue to provide FSM. At St Martins we will do this in the following way:

A weekly food package for each child in receipt of FSM will be prepared by our catering team, Aspens. Obviously this does not apply if you are critical worker and using the schools childcare.

These food packages will be available at collection points. We will try to make this happen before 12.30pm on Monday 23 March.

However, please check the school website at 11am on Monday when we will be in a position to confirm the arrangements. I am sure you will appreciate the logistical difficulties as this is something we have never done before. We are trying to do this as sensitively as possible and we understand that this may a very difficult thing for families to do however it is important in these very challenging circumstances that young people are well fed and heathy.

The fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Collection points, please look out for the school minibus. One person to pick up each families food packages. Please observe social distancing guidance. It is important that you go to the collection point nearest to your home:

St Martins – Secondary car park – please see sign on school gates

Gobowen – recreation area car park

Weston Rhyn – the Institute

Chirk – Parish hall

Oswestry – **Old morrisons** car park

If your family is in isolation you will need to make arrangements for a friend to collect on your behalf.

This is an ongoing situation and arrangements may be modified over time but we will contact you if they do change. If you do not wish to receive these packages please let school know by email by 1pm. The best way to contact school is via email; we continue to be short staffed. , which is when we need to order food.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

Steve Wilkinson - Deputy Head of School