

Grove Street Primary and Nursery School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update- Food Vouchers for families entitled to free school meals

Following the news conference given by Boris Johnson, Prime Minister the advice has now been to close schools from Friday 20th March 2020, except for children of key workers and vulnerable children.

Government Guidance regarding school closures:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-colleges-and-early-years-settings-to-close?utm_source=ab2c52ba-df74-46bf-a3ab-b18ebfb5a001&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

“After schools shut their gates on Friday afternoon, they will remain closed until further notice except for children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country’s ongoing response to coronavirus.”

“To support children eligible for free school meals, schools will be able to purchase meals or vouchers for supermarkets or local shops.

The government has also confirmed that the total value of vouchers offered to each eligible child per week will exceed the rate it pays to schools for free school meals, recognising that families will not be buying food in bulk and may therefore incur higher costs. The final amounts will be confirmed shortly.

Effective immediately, schools will be able to order vouchers directly from supermarkets or shops in their communities to be emailed or printed and posted to families, and they will have their costs covered by the Department for Education.”

Grove Street have records of all our children that are eligible for free school meals and will contact families as soon as we have further information regarding issuing food vouchers for families. We hope this will reassure some of your concerns.

Thank you again for your support and patience in this unprecedented situation.

Kindest regards

Mrs L Walsh
Head Teacher

