

27<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Website: [www.reachsouth.org](http://www.reachsouth.org)

Dear Parent,

### **Free School Meal (FSM) Vouchers**

We are committed to ensuring your child continues to receive their Free School Meals entitlement over the Easter holidays therefore, we have decided to continue to make packed lunches available every day over the Easter holidays, including the bank holidays.

However, in order to minimise the risk of spread of infection of Covid-19, the school is aiming to cease operating onsite catering, including making food available for collection, to avoid increasing footfall at the school.

It is likely that we will be issuing vouchers in place of packed lunches from the start of the summer term, and we are actively assessing our options. The vouchers will be equal to the weekly value of the Free School Meals entitlement, which you can use to purchase food at a local supermarket. Children of Covid-19 key workers and vulnerable children that are attending school will then be requested to bring in a packed lunch.

We will provide further details nearer to the time of change.

### **Fraud targeting parents of children in FSM**

The DfE has warned that fraudsters are targeting parents of children eligible for Free School Meals. Families have received an email requesting their bank details, claiming this will enable their children to continue receiving meals through school closures amid the COVID-19 pandemic. We will not contact you requesting your bank details. **We advise that you delete the scam email immediately.**

In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Meek