

HEADTEACHER: Mr G Rule



25th March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meals provision during school closure

We have now finalised our arrangements to provide a voucher scheme for those families whose children are eligible for free school meals and this letter explains how the system will work.

All pupils who are identified on our school information system as eligible for free school meals will automatically be eligible for the voucher scheme.

Vouchers will be provided to the value of a free school meal per weekday for an initial two week period (Monday 20th March to Friday 3rd April 2020 inclusive) which currently amounts to £23.50 per voucher, per child.

The parent identified as first contact on our system should have received a message via email/text. On receipt of the message the parent will be asked to select a supermarket of their choice from the list provided.

A voucher will then be sent to individual devices by email/text which parents can redeem at their chosen store.

Please note the following:

If you think that your child is currently registered for free school meals but no message has been received, check first on the local authority's portal at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside> to make sure that your child is registered. If they are not, you will need to apply via the portal.

If your child is currently registered as eligible for free school meals and no message has been received, please get in touch with school to check that your contact details are correct. We are unable to amend contact details over the phone and so will need written verification of any changes.

If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals but you have not applied, you can find more information on our website or via the portal above.

Due to initial set up of the financial processes involved, it may take a couple of days for the voucher to be sent to your device – please be patient, we expect you should receive it no later than early next week.

Please be aware that fraudsters are already sending out scam emails and texts to parents relating to free school meals. You should NOT send any bank details in response to these emails or texts about free school meals, even if they claim to be from the Department for Education.

We will be in touch in the near future about arrangements for free school meals vouchers beyond 3rd April. In the meantime, I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Rule', is positioned above the typed name of the headteacher.

Mr G Rule
Headteacher