

THE
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FEDERATION

Beckbury CE Primary School
St. Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School
Worfield Endowed CE Primary School



1st April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Benefits-Related Free School Meal Entitlement

You will no doubt have seen on the news yesterday that the government have announced that children eligible for free school meals can benefit from a national voucher scheme whilst they stay at home. This delivers on the Government's commitment to provide ongoing support for the 1.3 million children that would receive benefits-related free school meals at their school.

As you are aware, the schools in The Trinity Federation and Morville School have their meals prepared on-site by catering company Alliance in Partnership (AiP). When the Government announced the closure of schools to most children we arranged for AiP to provide a weekly hamper to any child who was in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The Government guidance is clear that schools can continue to provide meals for delivery themselves, but where this is not possible, the government scheme will allow schools to provide vouchers to families electronically, or as a gift card for those without internet access.

I am therefore writing to confirm that our current arrangements of delivering a weekly hamper will continue during term-time rather than issuing food vouchers. If you originally declined the offer of a hamper for your child but you would now like to request that a weekly hamper is delivered to your house from after Easter then please email admin@stmarysbc.co.uk to inform us and delivery will be arranged. Please be aware that school staff will be making the weekly deliveries and the person delivering will knock on your door and then leave the bag for you. Please do not open the door to the member of staff. This ensures we are following social-distancing guidelines to reduce risk to everyone.

We will continue to monitor the situation with AiP and will write to you again should we need to change our system in the future. This would only be if food suppliers were not able to deliver provisions to AiP or if AiP experience high levels of staff absence.

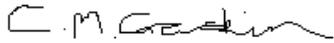
And finally: A message from Shropshire Council

Help for vulnerable families:

We know that the current situation will mean that some families will be finding it financially very difficult. Shropshire Council has food hampers available to be those in real need. If you know of families in need of a food hamper then they should contact the Council on 0345 678 9028.

With my very best wishes to you and your family during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C. Gaskin

Executive Headteacher

The Trinity Federation and Morville CE Primary School (Academy)