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Dear Parents

After a tumultuous last week we hope that you are all beginning to settle into school/home learning routines again. We appreciate how concerning it is for you if you need to keep sending your children to school – and how demanding it is for those of you who are supporting your children at home with their learning. Some of you are doing both! Please let us know if you are having problems accessing work – teachers want to help!

Critical workers

Currently, the number of children we have attending school each day is manageable, given our staffing ratios and the need to ensure small bubbles and social distancing. However, the government has made it very clear over the last few days that even if you are a critical worker you should only send your children to school when you are working and you have no other alternative. Please ensure that you do not send your children to school on any day when there is an adult in the household who can look after them.

Free school meals

For the last two weeks, if your child is eligible, you will receive supermarket vouchers, as previously. However, from next Monday, January 18th, the school kitchen will be providing food bags for you. These will contain a week's worth of food for each child, including items such as bread, eggs, cheese, baked beans, yoghurts, fruit and salad vegetables. We have to provide food in this way from this date because our caterer, Norse, will charge us an average cost per month for free school meals, as if children were in school as normal. If we continued with vouchers we would be paying twice for the meals. **We will assume you are happy to receive a food bag each week unless you inform the school office to the contrary no later than 10.00am on Wednesday January 13th.** The order for the food needs to be made later that morning. You can collect food bags each Monday from 1.30pm-3.00pm from the school office. Please let the office know if you cannot collect your food bag for any reason and we will deliver it as soon as we can depending on staffing. Please remember that if your child attends school, and you are receiving weekly food bags, your child must bring a packed lunch.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

