



31 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Covid-19 update 31 March 2020

You may have read that the Government have issued a national voucher scheme for schools providing free school meals. As you are aware, our catering team have been providing both daily lunch bags and food parcels to support our pupils. The guidance to schools from the Government contains the following statement:

Existing school food arrangements

You should speak to your school catering team or provider to see if they can prepare meals or food parcels that could be delivered to or collected by families.

National voucher scheme

If your school catering service cannot provide meals or food parcels, you should offer families of pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals an alternative.

We intend to continue to provide food parcels but the content of these will soon change as we have had difficulty in the supply of fresh fruit and vegetables; we will endeavour to include fresh produce in our food parcels but this cannot be guaranteed. As we plan to make a significant number of food parcels we intend to include tinned and packet food so they keep for longer; we do not at this time have the capacity to make and deliver up to two-hundred packed lunches on a daily basis – your patience with our programme of support is much appreciated.

I do intend to register with the national voucher programme to supplement our food parcels even though the guidance currently states (as above) that schools should use their current arrangements. As yet, we have not been given the detail of how to access the national voucher scheme; it may well be published later today. As soon as possible, I will work with our Business Operations Manager and our catering team to put together a programme of support using the national voucher scheme.

Safeguarding

During this period of enforced school closure in support of the strategy to contain the spread of Covid-19, school is still operational. One of the responsibilities we have maintained and will continue to do so is Safeguarding; as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) I work with our other Deputy DSLs to coordinate our response to safeguarding matters that arise even though pupils may not be in school. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact either the Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year of your child's year group and they will pass the details of the information you give them on to me as DSL or one of the Deputy DSLs who will operate as a "Duty DSL". Alternatively you can email enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk to raise a concern but please do not give detailed information on a safeguarding matter using this email.

In addition, we established a team of Vulnerable Pupil Leaders who have been in regular contact with pupils and their parents/carers; this covers pupils with Social Worker support, Looked After Children and those with an EHCP. Work in this area is proving challenging due to the demands being made on Children's Social Services. If you feel you should be regarded as



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Vulnerable and you have not been contacted by a member of staff from Titus Salt School, please email enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk giving us you contact details and the name of your child and which year group they are in at Titus Salt School.

As I receive more information, I will update all parents and carers, so you are aware of the impact the current situation is having on all areas of the school. As I wrote in my letter of 30 March 2020, if you are a Key Worker and need support or feel you are eligible for free school meals or need support with meals or need IT support, please contact the school on:

enquiries@titussaltschool.co.uk

Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Morrel', written in a cursive style.

Ian Morrel
Headteacher