

Dear Parent/Carers

**CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS.**

Sincere thanks to all those parents and carers who have supported us during this extraordinary and unexpected public health crisis.

Please accept this communication in the spirit in which is intended which is most definitely not to insult, affront or cause offence to any individual or family.

If your child(ren) is/are entitled to free school meals provision then we fully appreciate that with so many families self-isolating and the partial closure of the school to Years 7 & 8 from 19<sup>th</sup> inst. there may well be additional strains on already stretched family budgets.

To this end, and whilst we have control over our ability to remain partially open, we are making a free school meal offer to all those children who are not attending but still wishing to access their mid-day meal entitlement. Students may collect a "Pasta King" main meal and flap jack dessert during Recess 1 each day (11:00-11:30am).

In order to ensure that students cannot breach Public Health England self-isolation guidelines or, in the event that students are at home due to partial closure, meals will be served from the main school hall only. Students should enter the site by the pedestrian gate adjacent to the hall, sign for and collect their food and then leave site again immediately. This service will be available from tomorrow; 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and continue, unless otherwise advised, until and including Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March when the school closes for the Easter break.

May I also remind families that the Tavistock Foodbank (operated by the Trussell Trust) is open on Fridays from 10:00-14:00 at Tavistock United Reformed Church, Russell Street, Tavistock, PL19 8BD. Phone. 07941 436 149. The foodbank is currently well stocked with food.

For student study purposes and in the event that your child(ren) has/have no access to online learning compatible devices, Tavistock Library is currently open to any student who wishes to use their computers each day except Wednesday from 09:00-18:00 and on Saturdays from 09:00-16:00. All work for affected students will be available via "Class Charts" as already advised.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or require further information. We will update this information as and when necessary.

Kind regards

Barbara Manning

Vice Principal.