



20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Strictly Confidential – Coronavirus and support for families

School will sadly be closed as from Monday, 23rd March 2020; pupils entitled to Pupil Premium funding will not be able to access a school meal in the usual way. We recognise that this may put additional pressure on families who may be facing challenging circumstances.

In order to allow for this and to support any children and families who might otherwise experience food shortages, we have organised support. This will include vouchers for a supermarket chain or provision of basic food supplies.

It may be that you are confident you are able to cope. However, if you are concerned, that your family may find this difficult and would appreciate some assistance please come and see me personally or email me on the following address:

head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

Please bear in mind that any discussions we have or support that is offered will be **carried out in the strictest confidence**, so you need not be concerned that your confidentiality or family dignity would be affected; it is our responsibility to support you.

What I would like you to do now

Is to contact me, confidentially by email, to identify whether your family think that support for food hardship might be appropriate for you. You can do this by emailing me directly at head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

I will contact you and let you know how and when you can collect the vouchers and I will keep you regularly updated. Please reply *whether or not* you feel you need this provision.

I know these are challenging times, but we are here to support you and please do email me at any time if you have any concerns. I will be regularly accessing my email.

Yours sincerely

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