

24th April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As you may be aware there are no current plans by the Government to reopen schools. Information regarding Schools is reported in the daily Government Coronavirus Briefings.

We are currently providing childcare for children who meet the criteria (Parents are critical workers, vulnerable families or children with Education Health and Care plans). We are delivering this from Southwark Park Primary School. This is being regularly reviewed. If you meet the criteria for childcare and need this service then please email office@kintoreway.southwark.sch.uk informing us of your child's name and the days you require childcare, we will do our very best to accommodate your requirements.

We have been sending home learning information out weekly through ParentMail, this information is also available on the school website. Your child's key person will be emailing you over the next two weeks to find out how you have been getting on at home. We would love to share some of the different things you have been doing at home on our twitter page, do send your child's key person or teacher some photos and keep in touch with us!

Re: Food vouchers

Most of you should have received food vouchers for meals for your children.

We are currently in the process of providing more vouchers to cover the period of Monday 20th April to Friday 8th May.

If you are in receipt of specific benefits, on a low income or have no recourse to public funds you may be entitled to **Free School Meals** (this is different to the free healthy meals all children get). Information regarding eligibility can be found here.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Children who are eligible for Free School Meals and attend the Nursery for at least one full day will receive a voucher funded by the DFE through Edenred to the value of £15 a week. Children who do not attend for at least one full day per week (children in Mountain Room) will still receive vouchers in line with the children who are not eligible for free school meals.

We will be resubmitting all parents information to Southwark to check if parents circumstances have changed and may now be eligible for **Free School Meals**. We will notify you if there is a change in your eligibility.

If you are not entitled to **Free School Meals** (FSM) and not currently accessing childcare the school will provide vouchers through Wonde.

The Nursery Schools are funded for meals for children at a rate of £1.40 per day. This money is used, not just to cover the cost of food, but to pay the salaries of our catering and midday meals staff and the maintenance of the equipment etc.

We are aware that these are difficult times and we want to provide all families with some support. Some children have one lunch per week, some 3 lunches per week and some 5 lunches per week, we have reached a decision to provide 3 lunches to all children each week. This is because our families with the lowest incomes are often the families who do not stay for 5 days a week.

You will receive a voucher for £13 which is for the next 3 weeks. We will be regularly reviewing this and can only offer these vouchers if we can afford to do this within our tight budget. If you are receiving a voucher and you feel you do not want or need this please let us know as the money we save will go towards classroom resources.

If you are suffering with food poverty please get in touch as we are able to offer food bank vouchers in some circumstances. We are continuing to explore other ways we can support families with food.

If you do not have a 15 hour code for your 2 year old and are paying for a place, you will not receive any food vouchers.

If you have any queries or questions regarding food vouchers, please feel free to email office@kintoreway.southwark.sch.uk and someone will get back to you.

Please do take care during this time and get in touch at any time either via email or the Senior Leadership Team phone numbers that were recently sent to you.

Best wishes,



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