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Free School Meal Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have now been operating our childcare facility for a week and staff have settled into their new routines. As well as providing childcare to the groups of pupils the Government has identified, we are also responsible for providing a lunch for all children who are eligible for a free school meal (FSM). We have achieved this by offering packed lunches which have been served to children attending our childcare facility, and also collected by prior notification by those parents and carers of children who are eligible for FSM but not eligible for childcare or may be self-isolating or unwell.

Since we put our lunch arrangements in place however, the Government has asked families tostay at home and fewer families are now collecting or attending the childcare and providing such lunches is becoming more challenging. We have therefore made the decision to move to a food voucher system which will enable us to get food vouchers to you directly via e-mail, but will mean that **you will need to provide a packed lunch** if your child is attending our childcare facility.

Over the coming days you will receive an e-mail from us which you will need to acknowledge. Once you have done this, you will be sent a weeks worth of food vouchers each week. the value of which is £15 per child, per week. You will only be able to claim vouchers through this scheme for children within your family who are eligible for FSM. We are hoping to move to this new system rapidly and will set out further details as and when further facts are known. In the interim we will continue to offer the packed lunch service for those in attendance for childcare and available for collection to those who are eligible and have arranged by emailing fsm@nsnacademy.com.

I wish you and your family well and we look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. I. W. Owens Headteacher

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