

Tuesday 24th March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals

As you are aware, pupils entitled to Free School Meals will continue to receive this provision throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government regularly updates guidance and the most up to date information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/plans-set-out-to-support-pupils-eligible-for-free-school-meals>

To date we have continued to provide daily lunches for those who requested them via our catering departments in the form of packed lunches. However, in line with the updated measures that were outlined to us by the Prime Minister on Monday evening, we have reviewed our systems, which means that the final day that packed lunches will be made available to those children not attending school will be Tuesday 24th March 2020.

Our plan from Wednesday 25th March for those families in receipt of Free School Meals, will be to provide them with a supermarket voucher, worth £12.50 per child per week, which can be used in any Morrisons supermarket; we have placed the order for the vouchers this week and we will be issuing them to you at the earliest possible opportunity.

Please note that the first set of vouchers will be valued at £25.00 per child and cover the period from Monday 23rd March to Friday 3rd April.

If you are in receipt of FSM's and you have recently changed your address you **MUST** call us on 01325 380784 or email the school at officeadmin@rydal.swiftacademies.org.uk and inform us of your updated details **by no later than 4pm on Thursday 26th March 2020.**

Thank you for continued support and please follow the government's guidance and remain safe at home.

Yours sincerely,

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