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Free School Meals and Hardship Grant

Dear Parents / Carer,

Following on from our previous communications, we are still making our own arrangements in order to continue to provide free school meal pupils with a meal whilst school is closed to them.

This means Pike Fold pupils cannot access the National Voucher Scheme.

Please refer to the previous letter sent regarding ordering/cancelling/collecting meals if you need further clarification.

MCC Additional Welfare Offer

Manchester City Council have released information about an additional welfare offer which will be available from tomorrow, 25th March. This information is outlined below:

Hardship:- To support to families facing hardship

Because schools have closed and some families are facing additional financial challenges due to the Covid 19 virus, we want to provide support to families, who most need it.

We are providing a financial grant to parents and carers of the following groups of children and young people.

To qualify the family must be:
- *a Manchester resident or supported by our Homelessness Service; and*
- *whose family has been hardest hit by the recent issues and may be waiting for benefits to be assessed or have a gap in their income due to being laid off etc.*

To find out if you are entitled and to make an application, families need to submit a request via the Council's Welfare Provision Scheme

MCC Apply for cash grant if you are in financial crisis

Please note - if your child is a free school meal pupil and you have opted out of receiving meals from school then this option may not be available to you.

Thank you

Pike Fold Community Primary School

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