



# Overfields Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support over the first part of this term. This letter gives an update on school meals and testing of staff in school.

When school closed to the majority of pupils in January, Mellor's- who provide our catering- had to make numerous changes to their supply chains, so they could provide 'hampers' rather than hot meals in school. This was not without difficulty, but I am pleased to say that we were able to provide a substantial quantity of fresh food to all the families affected who requested one. We can now confirm that the Government have allocated Free School Meals Vouchers, for children who are entitled to an income related meal: these will be sent to you using the usual email address you have supplied to school for communications.

Also, this week, schools have received 'Covid19 self-test kits' for all our staff, including those who work with children and in other roles around school. These have been supplied for staff to test, at home, twice weekly to monitor asymptomatic cases of Covid19. If the test identifies a staff member with the virus, they will notify school and then will be required to self-isolate. We have undertaken staff training to roll out this scheme with our staff.

Unfortunately, this means that there may be times when bubbles have to close at short notice, once again I offer apologies for the disruption this may cause.

There are no plans at this time to test children and you should be aware that this is a different system to that in place in Secondary Schools, where testing takes place on the school site.

Thank you again for keeping you children at home where you can and for supporting with home learning. Please contact your class teacher, in the first instance, should you require any further support with learning resources, IT equipment and internet access. All of our Remote learning information and guidance is on our website.

The staff will continue to work hard to do as much as they can to support learning and well-being over this time; we can't wait to welcome everyone back in!

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Watson

