



14th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

National Free School Meal Voucher Scheme (for eligible children)

The free school meal voucher scheme will be available to provide support to families during term time.

The vouchers will be to cover the period between 18th January to 12th February (4 weeks).

Schools are not able to order these vouchers until w/c 18th January and this is being done in a staged approach to manage demand on the system, you therefore may not receive your voucher codes until the end of next week. We will be e-mailing out the vouchers to cover a 2 week period, the second voucher will be sent to parents/carers w/c 1st February for the final 2 week period.

If your e-mail has changed since the vouchers were sent out in December, please e-mail: wingateprimaryschool@durhamlearning.net, as soon as possible to ensure there is no delay in receiving your voucher, please do not ring school to pass on this information.

If your circumstances have changed and you think that your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals please contact school by end of Friday 14th January to arrange for an eligibility check to be completed.

Food Parcels

Food parcels will still be available to collect next week, these will provide 1 meal a day for 5 days for those children eligible for Free School Meals. If you did not order a parcel this week and would like to collect one on Tuesday 19th January, please contact school by 10.00am tomorrow morning.

Attendance and Home Learning

Despite the National Lockdown, children are all expected by the Government to complete 3 or 4 hours of home learning each day. The grids on Facebook and the website show daily tasks. If your child is not in school they should complete the correct day's work, even if they are in school for part of the week. This is because work is from the National Curriculum and is followed up with the next piece of work.

Similarly, if your child is not in school and is booked in, you need to inform school just as you would in normal circumstances if they will not be in school that day. If your booked days change week by week, please let school know as soon as possible for the following week.

It is important to keep as regular routine as possible and Teachers will send a suggested daily timetable on next week's grids. We would expect all work to begin by 9am, as if children were in school.

Regards

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