

Frettenham Primary School
Hainford Primary School
Horsford Primary School
Old Catton Junior School
White Woman Lane School
St. Faiths' Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 Update – Free School Meals

There continues to be a great deal of discussion on free school meals particularly now the government has launched a national vouchers scheme.

We have now received the government guidance regarding free school meals and I thought it might be helpful to share this with you.

The guidance is clear that we need to continue to work with our current catering provider to see if they can provide meals which can be collected by families. Currently, our provider is preparing packed lunches each day for those families in receipt of free school meals which can be collected from the following school sites; White Woman Lane, Horsford Primary and St. Faiths' Primary.

The guidance continues that if we are **not** able to use our current provider then we may consider the national voucher scheme. Therefore, although the scheme is now in place, the government is expecting schools to continue to provide meals, wherever this is possible.

Please let us know if you would like a packed lunch for your child/children and this will be prepared for you each day for collection. Please note that any free school meal provision does not apply in the school holidays and therefore will not be available during the Easter break.

Some parents are mistaken in thinking that all children in reception or key stage one are entitled to a free meal. This is not the case. All children in reception and key stage one schools have access to a daily free meal when school is open, but this is known as a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) which is different to a Free School Meal (FSM).

If your child is currently in reception or key stage one and you think you may be eligible for a free school meal, you can apply online using the following link
<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

We will continue to seek further advice regarding the provision of vouchers but this is the current situation, so please do not email or telephone us to query whether we can offer vouchers. We will keep in touch if and when we have any new information.

Take care everyone

Best wishes

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