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Dear Parent/Carer

The welfare of the children attending LiFE MAT schools is our number one priority. This has never been more apparent than now. Along with the educational needs of our pupils we are also prioritising the needs of our Free School Meal (FSM) children.

We have explored a number of ways to offer support. Some plans we initially implemented are likely to change due to changing directives from the government regarding movement and social distancing.

The government is set to launch a national voucher scheme for FSM families next week, the details of which are still to be published. We have contacted parents, wherever possible, to offer a FSM collection service which has had some success but we appreciate that this hasn't worked well for all.

We are currently sourcing Coop vouchers as an interim measure for families that are struggling to collect food. The reason for choosing the Coop is that their shops are relatively close to most people. As you can appreciate the Coop are under immense pressure from schools to issue vouchers and this is taking longer to put into place that we would like. Be assured that we will post out these vouchers to you as quickly as we can.

Even in these unusual times fraudsters are seeking to take advantage of people. Please do not provide anyone with your bank details/PIN numbers etc.

As things settle down in the coming weeks we are hoping to develop a meal service to support our families. However, our immediate concern is ensuring that you have the means to provide lunches for your children as soon as possible.

Please be assured that we are working to provide a solution for you.

Yours faithfully

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