



5 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meal Provision

We have today received updated guidance regarding Free School Meal provision. The relevant guidance is below and states that schools are to provide food parcels for the week to be collected by the family. If you would like to collect a food parcel each Monday please email the school secretary@hayesbrook.kent.sch.uk by close of play Wednesday 6 January so this gives the kitchen time to order in the ingredients.

Food parcels will be ready to collect from 10.30am Monday of each week that the school is in lockdown.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Principal

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Free school meal provision

During the period of national lockdown, schools should continue to provide meal options for all pupils who are in school. Meals should be available free of charge to all infant pupils and pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals who are in school.

Schools should also continue to provide free school meals or food parcels for pupils who are eligible for benefits related free school meals who are not attending school.

[Guidance on free school meals](#) has been produced by the Lead Association for Catering in Education, Public Health England and the Department for Education. It sets out some general principles for putting together a food parcel which will allow parents and carers to prepare simple and healthy lunches for their children at home across the week.

Food parcels must be distributed in line with guidance on social distancing at all times. During the national lockdown, families can continue collecting parcels where appropriate social distancing measures are in place.