



20 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are no doubt aware, Warlingham School and Sixth Form College has been directed to close to most students with the last full school day being today 20th March 20. The Department for Education has sent out new guidance on Thursday however on how to support pupils eligible for means-tested meals who are either unwell or self-isolated or at home because of temporary school closures.

Although schools are not normally required to provide free school meals for pupils who are away due to illness or school closure, the government has said it expects schools to continue to provide support during the pandemic.

As a result, Warlingham School and Sixth Form College will be responding in two distinct ways for those that are eligible for free school meals.

- 1) Those students who fall into the vulnerable student or key worker categories are entitled **but not required** to attend school. Should they attend, they will continue to receive the free school meals provided by our catering team in the same way as normal.
- 2) Those students that do not fall into the two categories or are unable to attend at some point due to illness will be offered the opportunity to collect a Sainsbury's voucher to the value of a weeks' worth of Free school meals (£12) every Monday **between 9am and 11am from the Sixth Form block common room.**

Please let us know if you face any difficulty in regards to these arrangements on info@warlinghamschool.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr Kinder

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