

*"We are God's family; the Light of the World. We work, We play, We pray together."*

# St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School

A National Support School

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## FOR THE ATTENTION OF OUR MEANS-TESTED FREE SCHOOL MEAL PARENTS ONLY

Dear Parents/carers,

### BEFORE EASTER:

As you know, we had to close schools for our pupils a week before we were due to break up for Easter. Our school meals are catered for by an outside company called Dolce. Dolce proposed to make up sandwich grab-bags for parents during the first week of closure. As a school we made the decision not to go ahead with the grab bags. This was because a large majority of our families had made the decision to self-isolate, so I didn't feel this was the best or safest option at that time. School is going to compensate for this by providing you with a co-op voucher for that week (Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March) per child, eligible for FSM. Please note that this is NOT the government voucher scheme and is something we have organised on our own. The vouchers will be mailed out to you as soon as its possible— there has been a delay due to the number of schools wanting vouchers.

### DURING EASTER:

Over the Easter holidays we hope you have been able to make use of food bank vouchers.

### AFTER EASTER:

As we have a catering service willing to continue to prepare food, government guidelines outline that we need use the service rather than use the government voucher scheme.

After Easter, Dolce are proposing the following for our FSM families:

**Food parcels:** The parcels contain 5 days of food, equalling 5 lunches to be prepared at home. The food parcels will be prepared in a school at Cleator Moor and collected by yourself once a week.

Firstly, we need to know how many of you want to go ahead with this and collect the food boxes so we can make appropriate arrangements with Dolce and organise kitchens and staffing.

Once we have numbers, we can give out more information regarding locations and collection. I would also appreciate any feedback from you as parents about this arrangement.

Please contact and let us know, as soon as possible (Deadline Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon.) You can contact [admin@st-patricks-cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-patricks-cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk) or [headteacher@st-patricks-cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-patricks-cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk) or you can inbox us on Facebook, alternatively. There is no one in school so please do not try to ring us there.

Thank you for your continued support during this extremely difficult time. Take care.

Kind regards,

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