

27th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Regarding Free School Meal Entitlement

Further to my last letter to you, it is now clear that the mobile voucher system is volatile and is not working effectively: there are significant delays in getting this to work. I have therefore decided that the Trust will issue you with a cheque that **MUST** be used to buy food for your children. The cheques will be posted out to you early next week.

You can deposit them into your bank – please do this at the same time as you are going shopping to minimise unnecessary travel. I know some banks have apps where you can photograph the cheque and it is credited to your account.

We will use your official name on the cheque; if there are any glitches please be patient and we will work through those. Hopefully in the next ten days or so the new National Voucher Scheme will be up and running.

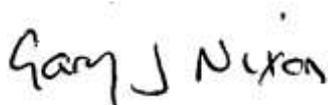
If you have no food, electricity or gas and genuinely need food or utilities urgently, please email me directly at Gary.Nixon@msat.education and I will see what can be done to support you and your family. If you have a social worker, please also copy them into the email.

Please take care and say hello to your children from me. Remember the Prime Minister's message was for you and your children to stay at home and only leave home if you are needing urgent medical help or care, in which case dial 999 if you believe it to be life threatening. For other non-life threatening matters, dial 111 or go online to get the information you need.

The Prime Minister ordered us to stay at home and only leave home for:

- Going to work where absolutely necessary
- Any medical need to provide help or care to a vulnerable person
- Shopping for basic necessities
- One form of exercise a day alone or with members of your household

Kind regards



Gary Nixon
Chief Executive Officer