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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to confirm the future arrangements for the Free School Meal provision at Marhamchurch Primary School.

During this difficult time the trust took the decision to provide food boxes for both Free School Meal and Universal Infant Free School children. There has been clearer guidance from the government, and they are advising there is no requirement to provide Universal Infant Free School Meals. Therefore, moving forward the school will only be able to provide food parcels for eligible free school meal children from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020. We would encourage all parents to check their eligibility, particularly if their current circumstances have changed.

Please see the links below for further guidance on whether you may be eligible and to make an application.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Cornwall Council Free School Meals Team

E-mail - [schoolmeals@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@cornwall.gov.uk)

Telephone number – 01872 323298

If you are unable to apply online, please call the Free School Meals team and a member of their team will call you back to complete the application over the phone.

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If you are experiencing financial hardship at this time, please contact the school who can signpost you to support networks across the County who may be able to provide support.

Useful Websites

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standards-for-school-food-in-england>

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/?tabname=recipes-and-tips>

We realise this is a worrying and difficult time for all families and hope you are all staying safe.

Yours sincerely

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