



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to reassure you that your entitlement to free school meals remains of the highest priority to us. The Government, to date, have not yet re opened the national voucher system as their guidance *states*:

Schools are strongly encouraged to work with their school catering team or food supplier to adopt a food parcel first approach.

After reviewing the uptake of both hampers/food parcels and vouchers across our schools it is extremely clear that your preferred method of support is via the voucher system.

As CEO of the Children First Learning Partnership, I have made the decision to establish a locally arranged voucher system for you which we hope to be in place in the next few days. This will provide you with vouchers for this week. Although we will pay for this from our own budget I do hope the government step up quickly and re-establish the national scheme and repay any costs incurred. At this point it is a risk we wish to take to ensure you are supported quickly.

Beyond the voucher provision, I urge you to work with the Headteacher within your own schools to access further support such as foodbank referrals.

I hope this information clarifies our current position and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on CEO@childrenfirstlp.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ARourke'.

Mrs A. Rourke CEO Children First Learning Partnership