

19<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Free School Meals Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today with an update on how we will arrange free school meals going forward during the current lockdown. As an Oasis Academy, and like all schools, we are committed to providing nutritious food to our students. Previously, in line with DfE guidance, we worked with our catering partners to provide food parcels to those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

You will have seen significant media coverage recently around school meals. The government have now reopened a national voucher scheme like the one which opened in April 2020. Oasis Community Learning has made the decision to switch to this national voucher scheme from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January. So, what does this mean for your child?

#### **My son or daughter is currently eligible to attend school**

If your son or daughter is currently attending school (as one of their parents is a critical worker, or your child is determined as 'vulnerable'), our kitchens remain open to provide a hot, nutritious meal. Oasis Community Learning has made clear that if your child qualifies for FSM and is attending school, they will receive both a voucher and a meal at school.

#### **My son or daughter is not currently eligible to attend school, but qualifies for FSM**

If your son or daughter qualifies for FSM and **are not attending** school, you will now receive a supermarket voucher to the value of £15 per week. They will no longer receive a food parcel.

We will ensure all FSM students receive a voucher. If you have any concerns around your son or daughter's registration for FSM, please contact us by emailing [admin.requests@oasisoldham.org](mailto:admin.requests@oasisoldham.org)

Thank you for your attention on this important issue. As ever, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,



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