



Dear parent or carer,

RE: Coronavirus/COVID-19 educational provision and FSM vouchers

Thank you for your patience in this difficult time. We are trying to do all we can to protect the school community and make sure the young people of Central Lancaster High School are safe and able to continue with their education.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, we have used this money to purchase supermarket vouchers. A £15 voucher will be posted to you today to cover their lunches for the week.

We have taken government advice to ensure that we maintain an educational provision for vulnerable children and those whose parents are key workers. The government has asked that 'if children can stay safely at home, they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading'. Key worker parents should only send their child/children into school if they have no safe alternative provision.

The government have stated that vulnerable children are those who are supported by social care, those with safeguarding and welfare needs, including child in need plan, on child protection plan, 'looked after children, young carers, disabled children and those with Educational Health and Care Plans (EHCP).

In terms of keyworkers, the government have listed the critical sectors as Education and childcare, key public services, local and national government, food and other necessary goods, public safety and national security, transport. More detail on keyworker groups, please look at the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

We are pleased to be able to support front line staff who are keeping the country functioning in a difficult time. We will do everything we can to keep life as normal as possible for your child or young person. However, it's important to note that we have to work with the government to stop the spread of the virus so therefore our provision will be limited.

We ask you to please:

Complete the survey to let us know whether you are a key worker or not (this is a new survey that follows the release of the government guidance) The link is here and you will get a text with this link too:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8jfx3t07d0eAvV75jyg8kC5fA2eh5y1NuSu2j7NbjPBUMEpNUIJFQVExVjE5VVICWUVZWE5LQ1ZOVy4u>

- If you are a key worker and your child/ children are coming into school, as there is no other safe alternative provision for them, please tell your child/ren to come through the main reception, where they can sign in and then assemble in the hall. The school starts at the normal time, but we will be available from 8:15 for those that need to drop children off to get to work.
- Make sure they are in uniform and have their own water bottle.



We will be serving a break-time snack and lunch as normal, and we do not expect you to pay for this. You may send your child with a packed lunch if you wish. It would be helpful if their routine is similar to help us with the kitchen demand.

We will be offering a timetable of learning and well-being sessions. The learning will be the same as the learning provided to those children who are staying at home.

For safeguarding reasons, we need to be certain of the group of students who are attending each day. If you have indicated that you wish your child to attend, and they are not present, we will call or text you in the normal way to check where they are. If your circumstances change, and they will not be in school, please inform us in the normal way.

We look forward to seeing some of our students on Monday.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victoria O'Farrell', written in a cursive style.

Victoria O'Farrell