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Free School Meals and Support for financial hardship if your circumstances have changed

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are as well as you can be at this difficult time. I just wanted to let you know that we are still here to support you, should you need it if you are struggling in any way. Mr Grainger, Mrs Collins and I have phoned or visited a number of parents to offer support, guidance or to bring work packs out to children over the last week, and we will continue to do this, if you get in contact with us.

We are aware that many people's financial situations have changed, meaning that you now may be making a claim for universal credit. This could also put you in receipt of free school meals: it is easy to apply via this link here: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

In respect of free school meals, We have been alerted to the fact that as more families look to access universal credit, their ability to access free school meals is being hampered by the fact it is taking 4-5 weeks for applications to be processed and the first payment made. Without the relevant documentation to evidence the fact they are eligible to receive universal credit, free school meals cannot be accessed.

If you find yourself in such a situation, I recommend you refer to the Kent Together Website www.kent.gov.uk/kenttogether or the helpline: 03000 41 92 92, where you can request support. Each Kent district has provision in place to support vulnerable households and they each have food hubs which you should be able to support in the interim period while the universal credit application is being processed.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Ashley-Jones'.

Mrs Jenny Ashley-Jones

Headteacher



