

## **Free School Meals for pupils with Covid and unable to attend**

### **Overview**

In our corporate contracts we have worked with Chartwells and Easy Lunch to put in place a weekly food parcel provision when required. The provision should be ordered directly with your contractors Area Manager as soon as you are aware of the need. Whilst some stock will be held, there may be a slight delay depending on the volume of parcels required. The parcel will be prepared and given to the school for onwards collection/ distribution. Schools should adhere to social distancing guidelines whilst arranging onwards distribution. It would be helpful to keep the Area Manager informed as to the status of the child and when they are expected back in to school so as to ensure parcel supply and limit the amount of hot meal wastage. These parcels will initially be within the daily meal price paid by schools, unless otherwise notified by the Council, until October 31.

If you are a school that caters in house or has a different contractor in place please discuss whether a similar arrangement for supply of FSM under these circumstances can be arranged. Special Schools please continue to liaise with Helen Turner over the provision of parcels required. All Chartwells and Easy Lunch school meal payments post the PPN04/20 contract variations from November 1 will be communicated at a later date to schools.

Please note that children receiving UIFSM, who are not means tested FSM, will not receive food parcels when off school for Covid-19, or any other reason. Means tested FSM children off school for reasons other than Covid-19 will also not receive the food parcels. Full details on eligibility and the scheme can be found here;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>