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Loving minds ♥ hearts ♥ hands.

From Monday 27th March, we have taken the decision to stop providing the grab bag lunches for collection during the school closure, to enable our families to follow the government guidance to stay at home. In place of the grab bags Manchester City Council have launched an online voucher system, for children who normally receive a free school meal, the instructions of which are below.

Please note this is a local authority system and school cannot complete the online form for you.

Help with food costs while schools are closed

We want to ensure that all our children and young people have access to a lunchtime meal.

We have the following arrangements in place to support families during this period:-

- FSM pupils_ link to Council's Voucher Scheme.
- Hardship support to families

Please read this information carefully

FSM Pupils:-

Children who would normally receive a free school meal from the school, based on household income or due to being an asylum seeker

The government has advised that they expect to have a new scheme up and running in the near future. They intend to issue vouchers directly to families. This will not be up and running for a few weeks.

The contribution towards a lunchtime meal is £2.00 per day (£10 per week) for each school child or young person in the household.

We will be able to pay this money within a few days by the following methods

- A bank transfer into a nominated bank account
- A secure text message that can be used to access cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city
- A voucher that can be printed and can then be exchanged for cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city.

Parents can make an application, please submit a request via the Council's welfare Provision Scheme.



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[MCC On-line Application FSM Voucher](#)

Hardship: -

To support to families facing hardship

Because schools have closed and some families are facing additional financial challenges due to the Covid 19 virus, we want to provide support to families, who most need it.

We are providing a financial grant to parents and carers of the following groups of children and young people.

To qualify the family must be:

- a Manchester resident or supported by our Homelessness Service; and
- whose family has been hardest hit by the recent issues and may be waiting for benefits to be assessed or have a gap in their income due to being laid off etc.

The contribution towards a lunchtime meal is £2 per day (£10 per week) for each school age child or young person in the household.

We will be able to pay this money within a few days by the following methods

- A bank transfer into a nominated bank account
- A secure text message that can be used to access cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city
- A voucher that can be printed and can then be exchanged for cash from a range of Paypoint outlets in the city.

To make an application, families need to submit a request via the Council's Welfare Provision Scheme

[MCC Apply for cash grant if you are in financial crisis](#)

Note: costs of supporting families facing hardship will be met by the Local Authority, and will still be offered after the national voucher scheme for FSM is launched.