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Dear Parent/Carer

We are still awaiting information from the Local Authority/Government about the proposed 'national voucher scheme' being provided by schools for parents in receipt of Free School Meals. However, there may be families who require more immediate help.

In the short term from Thursday it may be possible to offer an emergency supermarket voucher, if needed urgently.

If you require immediate help this week, please could you contact: Freeschoolmeals@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk by tomorrow, **Wednesday 25 March 2020 by 12 noon**. Please indicate which supermarket is the most accessible for you, so we can arrange to purchase vouchers and get them to you as soon as possible.

Should your family need additional practical support with food/shopping during this time, there are three organisations in the local area who will be able to help:

Gatehouse Foodbank is working in partnership with other organisations, churches and individuals throughout Bury, supported by local County and Borough Councillors providing three days of emergency food to local people in crisis. Those in need are identified by local care professionals. Gatehouse also signposts people to organisations able to help solve longer term difficulties.

If you need help, vouchers are provided using a referral system. Please use the number below to find out how this works.

Phone 01284 754967
Email info@gatehouse.org.uk
Address:
Gatehouse
Dettingen Way
Bury St Edmunds
Suffolk
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West Suffolk Vineyard Church Storehouse is a foodbank ministry which gives away food bags through agencies within Bury St Edmunds, to people who are living on the streets or are unable to provide enough food for themselves or their families. These food bags are offered completely free of charge and with a no-strings attached policy. As well as emergency food, Storehouse provides toiletries and nappies for clients of our local Health and Social Care Services.

If you or someone you know would like to receive a food bag, you can get a referral from agencies throughout Bury St Edmunds. Please phone this number to find out how you can receive one if needed: 01284 765874.

The Best Before Shop collects surplus food to stop it going to the landfill and then sells to people on a 'pay as you feel' (minimum donation £1) basis to individuals and families from the local area, especially those on low or zero incomes.

The shop is open every Tuesday (10am-2pm)

Email bestbeforebse@gmail.com

Address:

4 Elsey's Yard

Risbygate Street

Bury St Edmunds

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Please bear with us as we are very much working in new territory and we are hoping that either the Local Authority, or the Government will give guidance on a national strategy in the next few days. If you are able to feed your child/ren temporarily this week until the national strategy is unveiled, we hope to be in a position to reimburse you (with vouchers) in the near future. This would ensure that the advice on remaining at home, where possible, is adhered to.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Tucker', written in a cursive style.

Beverley Tucker
Deputy Headteacher