



20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear parents and guardians

**Interim payments to parents of pupils currently eligible for benefits-related free school meals**

We are concerned about the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on pupils currently eligible for benefits-related free school meals given the fact that schools will from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 be closed to pupils unless they are the children of critical key workers. We know that the government is seeking to put plans in place to ensure that families eligible for FSM will receive additional payments during the closure period but we recognise that this may take some time. As an interim measure we intend to make a one-off payment of £3 per day for pupils to cover the final few weeks of the spring term 2020.

To speed up these payments we are asking parents to complete the online form below which will then allow us to make payments directly into bank accounts. If you have any questions or queries please contact the school directly.

<https://forms.gle/dPPievfbCdjaDSxKA>

Yours sincerely

Avanti Trust Office