



# WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

## Special Needs Academy

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Dear parents / carers,

As we navigate our way through this difficult period we are constantly reviewing the situation particularly with regard to the number of children we can safely accommodate in school.

### Questionnaire regarding school places

If your child is not already attending school please complete the questionnaire [here](#) by Monday at 12.00pm so that we are able to gauge the demand for places and plan and prepare for any changes. If you have any problems with accessing this questionnaire please do contact the office for help. At this stage we cannot guarantee that a place will be available should you request one and there is likely to be a mixture of full and part time places that we are able to accommodate. We will respond to parents / carers regarding any requests during next week.

As with all of our decision-making any changes to the numbers of children attending school will be led by the health, safety and well-being of all of our children, staff and all associated families as the absolute priority.

### Free School Meals (FSM)

Sainsbury's vouchers have been sent out by recorded delivery for the children who are currently in receipt of FSM not attending school (from 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January). You will receive £3 per day and if your child is in school they will obviously be receiving a meal here.

From next week (18<sup>th</sup> January onwards) the government is returning to the system of online vouchers as during the first lockdown last year.

I would also like to remind you that should your financial circumstances have changed as a result of the pandemic and you feel that you may be eligible for Free School Meals please visit the Herts CC website (<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>) where you can apply. You can also access this link via the Woolgrove School website. If you have any questions or difficulties please contact the school office and they can assist you.

### Mobile Data Allowances

There is also assistance available for parents / carers of FSM children who are struggling to access the internet at home. If your child is in Year 3,4,5 or 6 the Government is offering support with mobile data allowances. Please read this information about free mobile data: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

If you need additional mobile data via your network and are in receipt of Free School Meals and your child is in Year 3,4 5 or 6 please click [here](#). Again, if you need help with this please contact the office who will be happy to help.

#### Postal Delays

Should you require any assistance with printing of material please continue to liaise with your child's class or partner class staff. We have been regularly posting work to those parents / carers who have requested it however as you may be aware following news reports there have been issues with delayed deliveries so please bear with us.

I would also like to remind you that we are here to support you in any learning or family issues you may have. Our Senior Leadership Team are all available daily, as are Anne Linnell, our Family Support Worker and Emma Goddard our Pastoral Support Worker. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need to.

I would like to end by saying a huge thank you. Firstly to the staff for responding so quickly to new working practices and supporting home learning so effectively. I would also like to thank all of our parents and carers who have also had to adapt overnight to supporting their children to learn at home. I fully appreciate the challenges this provides but we have seen so much evidence of some wonderful activities taking place at home, some provided by the school but many through the imagination and inventiveness of parents and carers. Your support of your child's learning is really appreciated by all the staff.

Best wishes,

Lisa Hall  
Head Teacher