26th March 2020

Dear Parent Carer

Please be aware that there are currently **SCAM EMAILS** circulating regarding free school meals. Worcestershire Children First have been informed that some parents have received emails stating the following ‘As schools will be closing, if you’re entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we’ll make sure you are supported’. **This is a scam and we advise that you delete this email immediately.**

**Under NO circumstances will you need to provide your bank details to anyone to receive free school meals.**

We are currently waiting for further information regarding the national free school meal voucher scheme. If we do not receive further information regarding the national voucher scheme, we will ensure an alternative option is available so we can provide vouchers for you to use to buy food next week.

In preparation for this please can you text your supermarket preference stating your child’s name on the text to **07513 438814** or email **rg188@chadsgrove.worcs.sch.uk**

We cannot guarantee at this stage that your supermarket preference will be a part of the voucher system and providing us with a second choice would be really helpful.

Chadsgrove’s local food bank and its volunteers are trying their best to keep up with the ever increasing demand. The church is now closed but Jackie (from the food bank) can be contacted during the morning of Friday 27th March on 07542 102649 if you would like further information about eligibility. Jackie is trying her best to answer the phone across the week but demand and calls are higher than ever in light of the current situation.

If you have any concerns or require further support please do not hesitate to contact me on the mobile number above.

Yours Sincerely,

Bec Gayden

Vice Principal