



Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear parents,

I am writing to you for the first time, in lockdown three, with an update and some important information regarding school meals. If your child is attending Kingswood or usually has a free school meal please read the below information carefully.

### School Meals

Unfortunately from Monday 11th January Caterlink will no longer be providing hot meals at Kingswood, so this will mean all children and staff will need to bring a packed lunch, if they are attending school.

The reason for this is that ASPIRE had to agree to pay for 60 meals a day no matter how many were being ordered (about 30 at present). We as schools cannot finance this so I have had to make the hard decision to lose the provision.

However, if your child normally receives a free school meal as you have a low income or receive benefits. You will receive a supermarket voucher via a system called Wonde for the weekly total of your child's school meal price - 5 x £2.30= £11.50

All families whose children normally receive free school meals (income based) will receive these vouchers whether their child is attending school or not.

Any parent receiving the vouchers will receive an email and/or text from [schoolvouchers.com](http://schoolvouchers.com).

There is parent help at <https://help.schoolvouchers.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360015110178-How-to-access-your-voucher-step-by-step-instructions> should you need help to access your voucher.

If your child is attending Kingswood, please use this weekly voucher to provide your child with a packed lunch. Some suggestions are a sandwich, pasta pot, cheese and crackers, crisps, biscuit and fruit. Please do not include any products which include nuts because of allergies. Your child will also need a drink with their lunch, this can be squash, juice or water.

Please contact me at [exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk) or on 07599 801236 between 9-5pm. Alternatively, please contact the office staff via email.

## Google Classroom

Thank you for all the positive feedback we have received about the use of the Classroom and the live and online teaching. We have moved on a long way from last March, and I am so pleased that we had finished our staff training, just in time to be up and running for this lockdown.

Just a couple of points:

When your child's teacher is in school (please see the rota sent out) there is likely to be very little live teaching if any, as the teacher will have a class in front of them. However, all work will still be set on Google Classroom, and if your child has questions they can message the teacher via the stream in the Classroom.

If you are having issues logging on please let your child's Head of School know so they can help out. We will be reaching out to those who are not attending Kingswood, nor engaging in remote learning.

We do appreciate how difficult it is for parents, to work from home and supervise home learning so please just engage when and where you can. We are equally trying to juggle the in school as well as the remote provision so know it is a challenge!

## Well being

Mrs Sanchez is our ASPIRE wellbeing lead, and she like the last lockdown will be providing parents and staff with regular wellbeing emails. Please read these if you can as they contain lots of information regarding resources that can be accessed.

## Contact with school

The Heads of School and I will be contacting all families on a rota basis, however should you have a question, query or concern. Please do not hesitate to contact us. My contact details are [exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk) or 07599 801236 between 9-5pm. I can put you in contact with the other Heads or any of the ASPIRE teachers if necessary. We are all in this together and we would like to support you as much as we can. Thank you.

## Thankyou

Thank you to you all for positively engaging with us over the last few days, we hope the children are enjoying the learning via google classroom or at Kingswood. Thank you to my ASPIRE team for working hard, being adaptable and pulling together to get the job done.

Wishing you all pleasant family weekends when we get there.

Kind regards,

**Emma Hickling**  
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**ASPIRE Federation**