

24th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Free Food Support for Half Term

We are acutely aware that the ongoing pandemic has placed huge hardships on many of our families and children. You will no doubt be aware of Marcus Rashford's campaign to end child food poverty through twitter #endchildpoverty. Following the government's decision not to provide free school meals over the school holidays many small businesses and charities locally have stepped forward to provide support to our local community. Listed below are some of the details of this support available in Bedford for families to access.

Islam Group: Sunday 25th October 2.00pm - 4.00pm, 50 food packs

Tavistock Community Centre Princess Street Bedford MK40 2SX

Tel: 07873 250743

La Rondine: Pasta lunch: Monday - Friday, 12.00pm - 1.00pm

12 Queen Street Bedford MK40 2HA Tel: 01234 400990

Roosters: Monday - Friday 47 St Cuthbert's Street Bedford MK40 3JG

Tel: 01234 405140

Email: eat@roostersbedford.co.uk

New Bombay: Monday - Thursday, Sandwiches, crisps etc

53B Harpur Street Bedford MK40 2SR Tel: 01234 218218

Papa Gigi's: Monday - Thursday

109A Castle Road Bedford MK40 3QP Tel: 01234 269600

2likeusbistro: Wednesday - Saturday, 12.00pm - 6.00pm, Lasagne and a drink

127 Castle Road Bedford MK40 3RF Tel: 01234 638823

Message on the 2LikeUs Facebook page

Castle Deli: Monday - Friday, Roll, crisps etc.

Website: biddenham.beds.sch.uk

Vardo: Monday - Friday, Warm pasta and a drink

51A Pembroke Street Bedford MK40 3RH

Email: thevvardo@gmail.com

Best Veg: Monday - Friday, Fruit for children

Milton Ernest Garden Centre Radwell Road Milton Ernest Bedford MK44 1SH

Please call Emma on 07979 323234

Shortstown Food Bar: Wednesday - Friday, 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Beauvais Square Shortstown Bedford MK42 0GE Tel: 01234 742923

Friendly Nettle Service: Kids Breakfast Club, Monday - Wednesday, 8.00am - 10.00am

15B Beauvais Square Shortstown Bedford MK42 0GE

Tel: 07789 727818

Gallones: Monday - Friday, Buy one treat and Gallones will give another one free

1 The Arcade 2 High Street Bedford MK40 1NS

Tel: 01234 342850

Sacha's kitchen

www.sachaskitchen.co.uk

Message them via their Facebook page for any help with food

Dine with us Community Larder: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Free children's lunches

Tuesday and Thursday: Soup and bread to take away

11 North Parade Greyfriars Bedford MK40 1JF

Faces: Monday - Friday, free lunches for children

Church Lane Community Centre 147 Church Lane Bedford MK41 0PW

Tel: 01234 270601

The Kiln: Free packed lunches for children

2 Ram Yard Bedford MK40 1AL Tel: 01234 216799

Thali & Tandoor Restaurant

28 Castle Lane, Bedford, MK40 3US

Tel: 01234 341414

www.thaliandtandoor.com

DM, email or phone

Carumbar: Thursday - Sunday

11 Howard Street Bedford MK40 3HS www.carumbar.co.uk

Inbox privately to provide food for children

Choice Rolls: Monday - Friday, Free packed lunches for children

20 Lime Street Bedford MK40 1LD Tel: 01234 212118

The White Horse: Wednesday - Friday, Take away lunch boxes for children Also offering a Sunday roast for families

84 Newnham Avenue Bedford MK41 9PX

Tel: 01234 409306 and ask for Lucie

Additionally, The SEVA Trust UK, who provided over 50 food parcels for Biddenham families during the lockdown period, are offering a winter service. This will be a monthly pack of 5kg of items such as rice, long life milk, cereal etc and will run from November until February. We are hoping to distribute this through school and will send out more details after half term.

Finally, for all of our families already receiving free school meals, we have ordered vouchers to buy food for the half term break and will be posting them home next week.

Please remember that if you have any concerns or queries that we can help with, please email the school at enquiries@biddenham.beds.sch.uk or telephone 01234 342521 and someone from the senior leadership team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Warm regards,

Mr D Bailey Principal Ms E Grylls Head of School