## **RE:** Free School Meal direct payment – School Closures.

Dear Parent/Carer

Please be advised that a payment is available in lieu of free school meals, for all pupils that are eligible, for the period Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021. This provision, however, will be subject to the Welsh Government announcement, anticipated towards the end of this week and whether Local Authorities throughout Wales will still be required to provide remote learning for pupils. The situation remains under review, with the potential to be extended should this be considered necessary. A payment of £15 per child, per week will be credited to your bank account via a BACS transfer until such time the schools re-open.

If you were receiving the payments throughout the school closures between March and September 2020, or have received payments since, due to self-isolation, or for any of the School holiday's or school closures then you will not have to take any action and the payment will be processed automatically. However, if you were not receiving the payments please use the link below to complete the application form, your payment will then be set up following an eligibility check.

The application round is open from <u>12pm on Thursday 28th January 2021, until 5pm on Friday 29th January 2021.</u>

New applications only, please do not apply if you are already receiving payments.

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Many thanks

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