

20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Free School Meal provision whilst school is closed**

As you will be aware, Bernard Gilpin Primary School will be closed from today, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March as directed by the Government.

During this time, Sunderland City Council will **continue to provide meals** to children entitled to Free School Meals **(this means only children in Years 3-6 and those in Reception, Years 1 and 2 whose parents/carers are in receipt of qualifying benefits)**. Please note the following arrangements:

- **A packed lunch will be provided for your child every day (Monday – Friday).**
- **You will need to collect your packed lunch from the top car park of Bernard Gilpin Primary School between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. only each day.**
- **The school gates will be locked outside of these times.**

**Please note, when you collect your meal, you will be asked to do so quickly and in line with Government advice of social distancing (avoiding unnecessary contact with other people and spending minimum time in public places).**

The Government is developing a national approach to providing support to those entitled to Free School Meals through vouchers and further details will follow as soon as the situation becomes clear.

I thank you for your continued support and co-operation in this unprecedented time.

I wish you and your families good health in the weeks ahead. Take care.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A. Bainbridge  
Headteacher