



# Wright Robinson College

6/1/21

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to my letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, please find the most up to date information below regarding the following;

- Free School Meal Voucher Scheme
- Arrangements regarding the arrival of students registered to attend the college during the closure and those eligible for a free school meal
- School Bus service (TfGM)
- Pastoral care and safeguarding
- Communication channels
- Government 'Stay at Home' guidance

## Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

As many of you may be aware the Government will not be offering a National Free School Meal voucher scheme and instead, have requested that 'schools provide free school meals or food parcels' during the national lockdown. In light of this statement, the college has taken the decision to initiate our own voucher scheme to support our eligible free school meal students and their families at this difficult time.

Our college Free School Meal Voucher Scheme, facilitated by Wonde, will continue to support families eligible for Free School Meals throughout the school closure. The voucher will cover the period from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021, the last official college day before February half term. The single voucher will be to the value of £65.

Students/parents/carers can continue to collect a free school meal from the college security gate until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Thereafter the voucher scheme will commence.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, all parents/carers who are eligible for free school meals will begin to receive an email from 'vouchers@wonde.com'. Please allow up to three working days for the text message or email to arrive. It is also advisable to check any junk, spam or trash folders connected to your account. Parents/Carers will then be asked to select a supermarket of your choice (Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Aldi, Sainsburys or Iceland). Only when the supermarket has been selected, will Wonde be notified and the vouchers be processed and emailed directly to the parent/carers.

Please note that the supermarket voucher will be sent to the email address that parent/carers have registered on the college system. The voucher can be scanned directly from your email/phone or printed off and used as a gift card.



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There is a very user friendly guide provided by Wonde, which contains helpful information and a FAQ's parents section and can be accessed using the below link;

<http://help.wonde.com/en/collections/2215176-free-school-meals>

Should any family still experience difficulty in accessing the email please contact the college via email to [meals4closure@wrightrobinson.co.uk](mailto:meals4closure@wrightrobinson.co.uk) and we will attempt to resolve any issues.

## School bus service

Yesterday evening, the college was notified by TfGM that all college bus services will be suspended from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 until further notice. Therefore, the following buses will not be in operation for any critical worker/vulnerable students who are attending college; 703, 704, 705, 706, 768 & Y23. Further information regarding public transport can be obtained from <https://tfgm.com/>

## Arrival of critical worker/vulnerable students

Any student who is attending college must be on site for 8.30am, to be registered and taken to their home classroom. If your child has an urgent appointment or is going to arrive late, please follow the normal procedures and contact the college reception.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, any student, who is eligible for a free school meal and attending college will need to bring a packed lunch with them. The entitlement for a free school meal will be covered by the voucher.

## Safeguarding

The college has designed a Pastoral Plan to ensure that all students are safeguarded during this time. The implementation of the plan will include college staff contacting identified parents by telephone during the period of closure.

We are also making the following email address available for students or parents to use if they have any safeguarding concerns or emergencies during this period of closure;

[emergencysafeguarding@wrightrobinson.co.uk](mailto:emergencysafeguarding@wrightrobinson.co.uk)

Please help us to keep this email available by only using it if you have an urgent safeguarding concern. Please note this email will only be available on weekdays from 8.30am to 3.00pm

## Communication channels

We will continue to keep you informed as and when we find out new information and guidance and as and when situations change. Communication will be made via the Parent App portal, the college website and if necessary by text message. We would strongly advise



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that any parent/carer who has not signed up to Parent App does so immediately. If you have not already signed up, a text message will be sent to you later today, inviting you to do so.

### Government guidance

Please continue to follow the governments 'stay at home' guidance outlined below; You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your support bubble or childcare bubble where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible (critical worker/vulnerable)

I appreciate that these are unprecedented times and I once again thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Haworth  
Headteacher



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