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Dear Parent/Carer

**Income Related Free School Meals – Food Hamper Scheme**

Having followed government advice on free school meals provision and working with our school meals provider, it has become clear that the current provision of a daily 'grab bag' is not meeting the needs of our families.

We are now working to provide a hamper for each family where there is a child/children eligible for income related free school meals. The hamper will provide a selection of essential food items every two weeks to supplement your usual food supplies. We are currently finalising the plans for distribution of the hampers however, would like to get an idea of the number of families who would be interested in this scheme at this time.

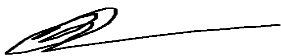
We are aware that with some families self isolating and other restrictions on travel, it isn't always easy to shop for food. Added to this that some basic items are still in short supply and the government's direction to limit any journeys outside the home where possible, we felt that this scheme would help our families to ease some of the pressure and provide a steady flow of essentials. By working with our school meals provider we are able to secure significant savings through bulk buying which means that you get more shopping for the same price.

If you are interested in receiving a free school meals hamper then please complete the registration form on our website [Registration for Free School Meals Hamper](#) . Where you have more than one child at a Waterton school who is eligible for free school meals please provide details for all children so that we can ensure the correct amount of food is included.

During the registration, you will be asked for information about any allergies or dietary restrictions. Whilst we will take every care to provide you with products in line with any restrictions we ask that you check all ingredients as you would with your usual shopping.

If you have any queries about this scheme, please email [info@watertonacademytrust.org](mailto:info@watertonacademytrust.org)

Yours sincerely



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