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## ACHIEVE BELIEVE CHALLENGE

26<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

### No More School Dinners (Until Further Notice)

Please can I start by thanking everyone for their support in only sending children to school if it is necessary. We are very grateful that everyone is listening to the message that all children should be at home, and that partners (working or not) or older brothers or sisters at home should care for them where possible.

As you will probably appreciate, things have moved very fast over the last week and we have had to adjust many things accordingly. In view of the risks now being presented to catering staff across the Trust, the decision has been made that our schools will no longer provide school meals to children on site. Instead, we will be asking every child to come to school with a prepared packed lunch. This change will take place from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. If the child attends school, please ensure they comes with a suitable packed meal (with non-fizzy drink) from this day onwards. Can we specifically ask that no hot food/drinks or sweets are included in this packed lunch.

### Children Entitled to a Free School Meal

We have been informed that the governments voucher scheme for children on Free School Meals (FSM) is expected to become available from Monday of next week. **This will mean that every child entitled to a free school meal will be provided with up to £15 a week to enable parents and carers to buy them food. We ask that any parent or carer with a child on FSM who attends school should provide a packed lunch for them to bring. The items in this packed lunch should be paid for using the money provided through the voucher scheme.**

Details around how these vouchers will be distributed is to follow and we will obviously update you as soon as we have the information ourselves.

If you have any questions about this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to get in touch using the above telephone number (9.00am to 12.00am) or via our dedicated email address which is [schoolclosure@jebatty.rac.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@jebatty.rac.sch.uk)

Finally, please accept my sincerest thanks once again for your support. Stay at home and stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

Martin Kitchen  
Head Teacher



*"Aim High.....Reach For Your Goal!"*

