

FOOD PROVISION AND HOLIDAY HUNGER - ADVICE & SUPPORT FOR SETTINGS

Support for pupils who have to stay at home and isolate

A small number of pupils will still be unable to attend if they are required to self-isolate or if local lockdown arrangements are in place. Schools should work with their suppliers to prepare meals or food parcels etc for those pupils who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

For the full guidance click on

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>

There is no requirement to provide universal infant free school meals to infant pupils who are not in school.

(Examples of what Schools in Stockport are offering - food parcel/ boxes, grab bags or vouchers)

Self isolating and in urgent but temporary need of food –

Ring SMBC Coronavirus helpline: 0161 217 6046 who can organise appropriate emergency food provision including referral to food bank or mutual aid group.

Food banks will not deliver, household will have to arrange for someone to pick up the food from food bank.

In financial difficulties which are likely to be longer term and need affordable food.

Three avenues for support, all can be used at same time

- Ring SMBC Coronavirus helpline: 0161 217 6046 if further signposting is needed]
- If Stockport Homes tenant then Money Advice Team for benefits and general financial advice – Ring 0161 217 6016 or email moneyadvice@stockporthomes.org
- Your Local Pantry – phone number 0161 218 1091 to contact for more info or on website www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk

Pantry Information

Five pantries located in Brinnington, Bridgehall, Lancashire Hill, Mottram Street and Woodley.

- No referral needed, family need to self-identify as being in financial need
- Each pantry open twice a week, drop in. Covid safety measures in place.
- £3.50 for ten items, £5 for family bag with more items in
- Membership forms available at pantries or online here <https://your-local-pantry.force.com/s/member-sign-up>

Food Bank Referrals - Voucher Holders

(Schools and Settings as referring agencies)

If you are not a current voucher holder and you would like to sign up, you can contact the foodbank on foodbank@stockportfoodbank.org.uk or <https://stockport.foodbank.org.uk/contact-us/> to establish if you are able to hold vouchers and make referrals.

- ❖ **Where early help and additional support needs have been identified, please contact Team Around the School professionals and linked school age plus worker for advice and guidance.**