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Dear Parents/Carers

You will have read/heard in the news that, Marcus Rashford, the Manchester United forward, has been spearheading a movement to make sure those entitled to Free School meals (FSM) have access to free food over the holidays.

I received confirmation from Councillor Stephen Alambritis MBE, that Merton Council are committed to support families of children who would be eligible for Free School Meals during term time. Therefore, if you are eligible for Free School Meals you will have received a Morrison's voucher for £15 via email from the school.

Within our community several local businesses and kind hearted people who just want to help have stepped up and offered to provide free school meals during holidays for those who are in need. Some of these local heroes are Angel at Morrison's and Ms Alleyne, who are working to provide packed lunches for those in need, If you are not entitled to FSM and would like to receive a lunch bag for your child over the next few days, please email [parentforum@st-thomascanterbury.merton.sch.uk](mailto:parentforum@st-thomascanterbury.merton.sch.uk) *before midday*, with the following details:

- your name
- address and telephone number
- how many children you have
- if you are able to collect or housebound and need a delivery

By emailing me, you agree to the school passing on your information to one of those who are offering their support and they will be in contact.

**Please be aware that this offer is limited and strictly first come first served and dietary need cannot be catered for.**

Other amazing local businesses offering free food for children at this time are:

- The Surrey Arms. Morden Road, CR4 4DD. Have had a donation FirstLine Recovery and are offering a lunch bag. Please message Karen to book a lunch on 07583569848 and pop down between 12-1pm and ask for a *lunchbag*. No questions asked.
- Frankie and Benny's please call your local F&B between 11-12pm and let them know how many meals you need and book a slot to collect. All calls are treated with the strictest confidence and you can pick your meals up at the take away point. [Frankieandbennys.com/nearest-me](http://Frankieandbennys.com/nearest-me)
- Papa John's children can pick up free meals between 2pm and 4pm at participating branches in London – please contact your local branch for further details.

I hope this email gets to those who need it; please spread the word, no child should go hungry. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs M Tucker

Head Teacher