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Chartwells Adds Free Breakfast to Food Parcels to Help Families Through Lockdown

Chartwells, the largest UK school meals caterer, will add free breakfast to their food parcels for children eligible for free school meals.

Charlie Brown, Managing Director Chartwells UK, said: “In normal times we are inside schools cooking nutritious meals for children and in many cases offering breakfast, so our absolute priority is to help our schools and families continue to eat well through lockdown.

“We acknowledge that when schools were closed it caused some local issues as we switched from meals to parcels. We have been listening to parents and working out how we can best use our resources to do more to help.

“From 25th January, we will be adding breakfast into the parcels which will be free of charge to schools for all children eligible for free school meals and we will continue this provision while schools are closed. We hope this will further support children with their learning through the day”.

The breakfast will include bloomer, bagel, butter, yoghurts, juice, milk, oats and fruit.

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For further information please call 01895 554 999 or email uk.communications@compass-group.co.uk

Notes to Editors:

- The breakfast provision will be fully funded by Chartwells and is in addition to providing lunch parcels at cost
- The Government has provided a top up £3.50 per week per child towards food parcels in addition to the free school meal allowance and next week’s food parcels will be enhanced to a new specification
- In instances where our food parcels do not meet the specification we will fully refund
- The provision will begin as soon as our supply chain is in place and by Monday 25th at the latest.
- The provision will continue while schools are closed for all children eligible for free school meals
- We are communicating to all parents in our schools’ network and will establish a helpline so that we can quickly provide additional food to anyone whose parcel has not met the requirements

About Chartwells

Chartwells is the leading provider of catering and support services to schools, colleges and universities in the UK. Chartwells works with over 3,000 education units including primary schools, secondary schools, academy schools, independent schools, colleges and universities.