

Lincoln Food Partnership

For fairer healthier greener food

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With reduced mobility and necessary isolation, access to food has become a critical issue in the Coronavirus pandemic. The LFP is keen to share any information that it can to ease this situation and we will do this through our social media and on our web site.



But we wanted to use a special issue of the newsletter to let you know of a couple of great food supply projects in our county primary schools. These are important, because they might inspire you to develop similar projects. But also, at this time, it is really heartening simply to hear such good news of community action having a real positive impact.

There are certainly other projects in the county equally worthy of praise. Do send them to us, and we'll broadcast them as widely as we can. If you think you can help at your local school, with either the provision of food or of your volunteer time, do contact them. For other food issues, contact us:

Our email address is: lincolnfoodpartnership@gmail.com

If you are happy to continue to receive this newsletter and therefore be considered a

member of the Lincoln Food Partnership community of interest, you need to do nothing.

If on the other hand you wish to unsubscribe from this newsletter, just email us. Many thanks for your interest

Nigel Curry,

Co-chair Lincoln Food Partnership

Food at the School Gate in Gainsborough

St George's C of E Community Primary School in Gainsborough has designed a 'Grab n Go' food station at the school gates, which is feeding both their school and the local community more widely. They have painted white lines 2 metres apart on the path to ensure social distancing.



Anybody else – including passers-by - can help themselves to a food package for only £1.00. For local people who are self-isolating, two 'school dads' who are taxi drivers, and several staff, are running a delivery service. And they are endeavouring to deliver to all local elders, too. Isolators and elders are being identified through the two local churches.

Head Teacher Katie Barry says:

“Since the schools have closed, St George's has fed all of its school children – and those from another school, too”.

And in the first week, over 100 food parcels have gone out to school families, the elderly and even some staff who are struggling for money following recent redundancies.

All of the food parcels are funded out of the school budget.



Washingborough Academy Steps up to the Plate!



With only the children of key workers at school, Washingborough Academy kitchens might have been 'stood down'. Instead, the school chef has expanded the provision of hot meals to include all children who would otherwise have free school meals. And it doesn't stop there: the school is offering to deliver to all members of the local community who are over 70 and self-isolating. Demand has grown nearly three-fold in the first week.

Delivery volunteers are all gloved and have school ID. Aluminium containers are left on the doorstep with guaranteed arrival between 12:15 and

13:00 so that the food meets all safety requirements for hot meals. Allergies are being recorded, and payment - £2:50 for a meal - is tracked through bank transfer.

One elderly lady on the food run had not seen anyone for 2 weeks and spoke to the delivery person through her window expressing her gratitude. Another 87-year-old resident had been to the school himself in 1937 and said that the school action made him feel proud.



Get Involved: Tell a Friend...

If you know of other people or organisations who would like to be involved in the Lincoln Food Partnership, please help to spread the word. Why not start by forwarding this newsletter to them?

Thank you!