



**St Ralph
Sherwin**
Catholic Multi Academy Trust

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Parents & Carers
St Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy

Dear Parents & Carers

PROVISION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS, FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

As notified last week, school will be closed to all pupils for the February half-term. Please be aware, however that the following arrangements will be in place for families in receipt of free school meals: vouchers will be provided by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) as part of their Winter Grant Scheme. DCC will be in direct communication with families as they were during the Christmas holidays.

May we take this opportunity to also remind you about the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT Hardship Fund. This was launched in November 2020 and is a source of financial help available to all registered full-time students within our academies and is intended to help students who are experiencing difficulty through hardship in paying for:

- Curriculum trips, visits, and residential courses
- Uniform, shoes, or sports kit
- Other materials or equipment required for academic studies
- Attendance at seminars, interviews, or work experience placements
- Emergency travel expenses

There is also potential for relieving hardship during recognised Academy holidays by providing access to one free school meal each day for those students. Further information can be found under latest news on the [Trust website](#).

Yours sincerely

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