

Dry Drayton Parish Council – Lockdown Part 3

Now we have once more entered national lockdown, we have been reviewing what additional help we can provide to our fellow parishioners. We had already arranged a small supply of sanitiser, masks, gloves and aprons which are available for residents providing support in our community but whilst practical what more could we do. We were fortunate to receive a small grant from the District Council and so there is more that we can and wish to offer.

During the past day we have been discussing with Mrs Hegan, Headteacher at the Primary School, if it would be possible to commandeer any spare capacity that the school kitchen might have, so that we can support those shielding, the elderly and vulnerable within our community. Typically and how lucky we are to have Mrs Hegan, it did not take many seconds for her to commit full support to our initiative. We now have weekday menus, with a two-course hot meal available for the community.

In the initial phase the Parish Council can cover the cost of providing the meal, we might have to ask for donations, depending upon take-up, but not yet. However, anyone who does wish to donate immediately can do so, with a suggested amount of £4.00 per person.

I wanted to mention the Black Horse, what we are offering is community support, not a commercial alternative, for those of us that are able, we can continue support the pub with their takeaway offerings as we have so enjoyed in past months.

To assist with catering orders, sourced wherever possible from local suppliers, we will need to order weekly in advance as far as possible. We understand the dynamics of the virus cause change to our lives instantly, we have some flexibility therefore, but planning is key. If you or you know someone who would benefit from this offer, please contact me or any Parish Councillor in the first instance for a menu and ordering information.

It is intended that the meals will be delivered and if anyone might be able to help with distribution, even on the odd day that would be appreciated and a great to help the school.

We can deliver from Monday 11th January through to Friday 12th February and would be very happy to hear from you.

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