

# Intelligence Alert

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## COVID-19 Pandemic Fraud

The key message to all is **stay home and stay healthy**. Unfortunately, we must also safeguard against unscrupulous individuals seeking to cause harm in other ways during this unprecedented time.

To ensure there is clear messaging to raise awareness and prevent individuals/organisations becoming victims of fraud, please use and distribute the attached advice and communications pack shared by City of London Police. Below are just two examples of scams born out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many more are attached for your review.

### 1. Breached stay home regulations scam

Fraudulent text messages from .GOV.UK issuing fines for leaving homes.

### 2. Free school meals scam

Fraudulent messages to parents entitled to free school meals requesting bank details.

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'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'.

HM Government



If you would like to report any instances of the above/attached information being used in similar fraud attempts, please email them to [intel@nafn.gov.uk](mailto:intel@nafn.gov.uk) and the details will be forwarded to the relevant teams. Please ensure you report to [Action Fraud](#) online.

Alerts provides information about fraud, risks and trends which may affect members; your contributions are vital – please email them to [NAFN](#). Where appropriate please include handling restrictions.

Evaluation		
Source Evaluation	1	Reliable
Intelligence Evaluation	A	Known directly
Handling Code	P	Lawful sharing permitted.
National Intelligence Model Level	2: Cross border More than 1 LA member affected	
Handling Conditions	Can be circulated outside of the member organisation.	

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