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Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meal Vouchers

As you will be aware, in line with Government guidance we have been providing food parcels for those families with pupils entitled to free school meals.

Yesterday the Government announced that they would be re-introducing the free school meal voucher scheme, the same system that was used last year. Due to the unprecedented demand for vouchers, they will be staggering access for schools during week commencing 18th January. **At the moment, the only information we have been provided with is that at some point during that week, our account will be made live and we will be able to order vouchers for our parents/carers. At this stage, we do not know exactly when that will be.**

Due to potential delays in being able to access the system, it has been decided that for week commencing 18th January, food parcels will be arranged for those parents/carers who have requested them. **If you have not previously requested a food parcel and would like one, please contact the school by 2.30pm on Friday 15th January so that food orders can be placed. Those parents who have collected a food parcel this week need not respond.** Food parcels will be available for collection from school on Wednesday 20th January from 9.30am-3.30pm.

We will move to providing free school meal vouchers from week commencing 25th January and these will be sent to your email address from a company called Edenred. **If you have recently changed your email address, it is essential that you contact school immediately otherwise you will be unable to access your vouchers.** For those parents/carers who do not have an email address, vouchers will be sent via post which will result in a slight delay in you receiving them. Last year, some parents/carers found that vouchers were going to their 'trash/junk' box, so if your voucher does not arrive, please check your 'trash/junk' box first.

Vouchers will be for £15 per week, per child and can be redeemed at a choice of supermarkets as follows: Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose, M&S, Iceland, Aldi. More information will be provided once issued by the Government.

Please at this stage do not contact the school enquiring about when vouchers will be distributed. Rest assured that as soon as we are able to access the system, vouchers will be ordered and distributed. We will contact you via text message to keep you updated

Yours faithfully

Mr I Smith
Headteacher

