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Dear Parents/Carers.

'Free School Meal' provision for children following school closure

Following the closure of the school to most children from today we are keen to ensure that those families, like yourselves, who are entitled to free school meals continue to be supported in providing meals while children are at home.

With this in mind we are really pleased to have been able to make arrangements for families to receive vouchers, like those received during the Christmas break, to support meal costs. This is an arrangement that we have made independently with the voucher-providers and does not sit as part of any national scheme.

We are keen that the funding of £2.30 for each meal every day that the school receives for your child or children is passed onto families throughout the school closure period. We are therefore making arrangements for £25 in vouchers to be sent to you every two weeks for each child qualifying for this support.

The initial vouchers will be sent out to you over the coming days and will relate to this week and next week's school meals. We plan that future fortnightly payments will follow this pattern, covering one week passed and one week ahead.

We hope that these arrangements meet with your needs. Experience tells us that these vouchers have been convenient, as well as valuable, up to now and we hope that this continues to be the case. Should your circumstances see these vouchers not working for you, for example if family members are unwell or self-isolating please get in touch with us so that we can explore other ways of supporting you.

Yours sincerely

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