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Dear parent/carer,

Free School Meal entitlement: E-Vouchers

Following my previous letter dated 23 March 2020, please note the school's new arrangements for those children that are entitled to Free School Meals.

Last week, the school provided children entitled to Free School Meals a weekly hamper. From today, we have introduced a new e-voucher scheme. The scheme will help to ensure that those children entitled to Free School Meals still have access to food and will also help parents and carers with their social distancing, as they will be able to use the vouchers during their essential shopping trips.

Children entitled to Free School Meals will be given a £11.50 supermarket voucher during school closure due to the coronavirus crisis.

The government has indicated that funding will be provided for voucher payments of £3 per day for each child, an increase of 70p on what schools are paid to provide free meals. However, the government's free school meal voucher scheme has yet to be published. When these arrangements are confirmed, we will update you.

In the meantime, the school will provide vouchers worth £2.30 per day, in line with the current funding received by the school.

How will the vouchers work?

E-vouchers will be provided by our voucher supplier, Wonde, and they will be redeemable in all major UK supermarkets.

A text message and or email has been sent to you with the first voucher of £2.30. Shortly, you will receive a second voucher worth £9.20. These two vouchers are equivalent to your weekly entitlement. Please respond to the text or emails sent to claim your voucher.

From Monday 6 April 2020, you will receive one e-voucher per week worth £11.50.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Reynolds
Headteacher