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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Claim Your 'Free School Meal' Voucher and Complimentary £30 Voucher

As we deal with the COVID-19 epidemic, many parents may be struggling during this difficult time. The Department for Education (DfE) has confirmed they will issue a £15 weekly voucher for each pupil entitled to 'Free School Meals'. Families will be able to spend the vouchers in Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose and M&S. The DfE said it was "working to see if additional supermarkets can be added to this list" such as Lidl and Aldi.

We would like to invite parents to apply for 'Free School Meals'. If successful, your child will receive a £15 supermarket voucher each week during school closure and a school dinner every day once the school re-opens. New successful applicants will also receive a complimentary £30 voucher if you apply now.

If you already receive 'Free School Meals', no further action is required.

Apply for Free School Meals

Apply for 'Free School Meals' to receive your weekly £15 voucher and a complimentary voucher £30 voucher to use at a supermarket of your choice: Apply for 'Free School Meals' here:
https://ems.learningtrust.co.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Register

If your child is in Year 1 or Year 2 and you want them to receive a weekly £15 'Free School Meals' voucher during the school's closure, you still need to apply. You will not receive a voucher unless you apply.

More information

To qualify, you must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- NASS support
- Guarantee element of State Pension
- Child Tax Credit, provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit for the four weeks after employment ends
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

Given the current circumstances, even if you think you do not qualify, please try.

If you have any questions or need support in applying, please email us on admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

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School Business Manager