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Dear Parent/Carers,

COVID-19 Response - National Voucher Scheme – Eligible Free School Meals

On March 31st 2020, schools across England received guidance to a national voucher scheme to assist families who have children eligible for Free School Meals during this period of school closure. This will replace the current e-voucher system our school has had in place over the last two weeks as an interim, to support our eligible Free School Meal pupils. The national voucher scheme will take effect from April 20th 2020, as the voucher scheme does not support families across the Easter period.

For those families who have received our WONDE e-vouchers over the last two weeks, you will receive an email, giving you instructions on how to access the £15 voucher per child eligible. We will of course let you know when we expect the emails to be sent to you. If you do not have an email account that the school is aware of, you will be contacted by our administration team before 20th April 2020. We are hoping for the voucher instructions to be emailed to eligible families within the next week.

For the interim, please read the following links to help you understand the voucher system.

Information for parents and carers – how the scheme works

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf

What guidance is the school using for the distribution of the National Voucher Scheme?

If you have any questions regarding supporting pupils who are eligible for free school meals, please visit the Department for Education's '[COVID-19: free school meals guidance for schools](#)'.

What is the eligibility criteria for free school meals?

Check if your child can get free school meals in England and find out how to apply on your local authority's website. The eligibility criteria for free school meals can be found on [apply for free school meals](#).

Kind Regards,
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