



15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Changes to Free School Meal Provision**

Presently all children who qualify for free school meals are receiving vouchers from the government for £15 per child, per week.

Our school opened to wider year groups on 1st June, which means our school kitchen also re-opened. We now need to make changes to how we support pupils eligible for Free School Meals in the year groups that the government have stated could return to school [Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six]. The changes will start the week beginning 22 June 2020 and I have outlined the changes below.

All children who are in school are receiving a grab bag style lunch each day free of charge and this will continue until the end of the summer.

The following tables outline the changes to each year group.

<b>From 22 June</b>	<b>Pupil at school &amp; qualifies for FSM</b>	<b>Pupil at home &amp; qualifies for FSM</b>
Nursery / Reception/ Year 1/ Year 6	Receive a Grab bag everyday Free	Receive a daily packed lunch box which must be collected from school each day.
Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4/ Year 5	Receive a Grab bag everyday Free	Receive FSM Vouchers from DFE

We will write to you at a later date with further information regarding daily packed lunches collection times if your child/ren are in the year groups outlined above. I understand this may be disruptive where you have siblings in various year groups, but unfortunately it does mean that some families will have both vouchers and packed lunch collections as a solution to school providing all eligible pupils with a free lunch. We can only apologise for this.

These new arrangements are due to the government phasing out the use of Free School Meal Vouchers, it is not a decision the school has made. At the moment the government has stated

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there are no plans for the voucher system to continue over the summer holidays, however, if this decision changes we will do our best to issue the vouchers to families.

I understand that some families are shielding due to parents or children being clinically vulnerable. We already have this information and we will be in touch with you individually to discuss how we can support this transition.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries regarding the above. I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding with this situation.

Yours Sincerely

Miss N Fountain

Executive Head teacher