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### Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Free School Meal Vouchers

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will be aware, the government have now established the free school meals voucher scheme for families across the country during the school closures due to the covid-19 pandemic. This scheme allows those entitled to free school meals to access a £15 voucher per child on a weekly basis to be spent in a local supermarket. The supermarkets currently accepting vouchers are ASDA, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Waitros and M&S Food.

These vouchers will be sent automatically to your email address through a company called Edenred on behalf of the Department for Education. **Please can we remind parents and carers to use the text messaging service or email [cartwright@elmtree.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:cartwright@elmtree.lancs.sch.uk) with your email address followed by your full name and child's name if you have changed this recently.** School admin has already reached out to those parents and carers who do not have an email address on file. There is also an option for those without internet access to have vouchers sent home in the post.

We would also like to clarify that these vouchers are only accesible for those entitled to free school meals through Pupil Premium. As directed by the DfE, this does not apply to those children who access free school meals due to being in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 unless they do so through Pupil Premium. For more information regarding this and full guidance, please follow the link [here](#).

Like all new systems, there have been delays and technical difficulties whilst processing these vouchers. We ask for your continued understanding and cooperation during these times and we are doing everything we can to ensure that this scheme runs as smoothly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr D. Lamb

Headteacher

