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Dear Parent/Carer

School Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers Ending and the Crisis & Resilience Fund

As you will already be aware, the Government has now ended the provision of free school meal vouchers during school holidays, and these are no longer being issued to families.

We understand that this change may have an impact on some households, particularly during holiday periods. Lancashire County Council has now provided information to schools outlining alternative support that may be available, and we are sharing this with you below to help signpost families to appropriate assistance.

From April 2026, a new Crisis and Resilience Fund has been introduced by the Department for Work and Pensions. This replaces the previous Household Support Fund. As part of this change, holiday food vouchers are no longer included.

What support is available now?

If your family is experiencing financial difficulty or an unexpected crisis, your local district council may be able to offer help. This could include support with:

- Food and essential household items
- Sudden financial difficulties
- Emergency situations affecting your family's basic needs and support framework
- Increased household pressures, including during school holidays

Each district council will assess individual circumstances and explain what support is available locally. This support may be provided directly or through local community organisations.

How to access support

You can contact your local district council directly via their website or by phone. If you are unsure which council covers your area, you can find out by visiting: www.lancashire.gov.uk/district-council

If you are already receiving support through school, a Family Hub, health visitor or another professional, they can also help you access this service.

We recognise that changes like this can be difficult, and we remain committed to supporting all families in our school community. If you would like further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the pastoral team and we will do our best to help.

Yours faithfully

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