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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to let you know about some important changes to the free school meal supermarket vouchers that are provided during school holidays, and how these changes may affect your family.

## **What is changing?**

The Government funding that has supported free school meal vouchers during school holidays (called the *Household Support Fund*) will come to an end on 31 March 2026.

From April 2026, this funding will be replaced by a new scheme called the Crisis and Resilience Fund. This new scheme works differently and no longer allows vouchers to be automatically given to all families who receive free school meals.

**This means that the current holiday voucher scheme will end after Easter 2026.**

## **What support is still available?**

Families who are eligible for free school meals will still receive vouchers for the Easter holidays in 2026, as outlined below:

### **Easter Holidays 2026**

- £20 supermarket voucher per eligible child
- Further details will be shared closer to the time

***Please make sure vouchers are accessed as soon as they are received, as they do have expiry dates.***

### **Important reminders**

- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 must be registered for free school meals to receive holiday vouchers, even though they receive universal free meals during term time.
- If your circumstances have changed or you are unsure whether you are registered, please contact the school office — we are happy to help.
- Please ensure the school has your up-to-date contact details, as vouchers are sent using the information we hold.

### **Support beyond Easter 2026**

From April 2026, support for families will be provided in a different way and will focus on helping families who are facing short-term financial difficulties. We will share more information with families as it becomes available.

If you have any questions or need support with free school meal registration, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.