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Free School Meals Vouchers

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, we have been running a voucher system to ensure that eligible families were able to purchase essential groceries during the recent school closures. The Department for Education is now offering a Covid Summer Food Fund for those in receipt of free school meals, which will provide £90 supermarket vouchers for each eligible child.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if any of the following apply to you:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- I am the parent of a child who I have adopted from care
- I am the parent of a child who lives with me under a Special Guardianship Order made on or after 30th December 2005
- I am the parent of a child who lives with me under a Residence Order on or after 14th October 1991

If your child is not in receipt of free school meals and one of the statements above apply, then we would encourage you to submit an application to Sheffield City Council. In addition to your child receiving free school meals, the Academy will also receive Pupil Premium funding of up to £1,900 per eligible child which is usually spent on:

- Access to after school clubs
- Subsidised educational visits
- Targeted learning Support
- Enhancing the curriculum offer within school

The government deadline for claiming from the Covid Summer Food Fund is fast approaching so we would ask that if you would like to apply you do so as soon as possible. Please contact the Academy office for further information and assistance with making an application.

Yours Sincerely

Kim Wilson
Executive Principal

