

**Free School Meals: Parents of Reception and Year 1**

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Children currently attending school:**

If your child is now regularly attending school and is receiving their free school meal in the academy, the shopping voucher that you have been receiving will not be issued from next week onwards. I am sure that you will appreciate that shopping vouchers have only been issued whilst our kitchens were not producing meals and that moving forward we are unable to provide both a meal at school and a voucher for home.

**Children who are NOT attending school:**

Children who have been eligible for free school meals have been provided with a shopping voucher over the last 11 weeks. This was because our school kitchens were unable to supply meals due to the limited number of children in school. As the academy is now reopening to more pupils, our school kitchen is now able to provide an increasing number of meals. This will mean that over the next few weeks we will be seeking to end shopping vouchers for any child that is eligible to attend school (Reception & Year 1 initially). We will be providing meals in the academy where the child is attending and making meals available for parents/carers to pick up where they are not. We will write to you with more detail regarding this over the next few days, but it is important that you understand that this is the government position and we will be implementing this shortly.

Over the next few weeks we will be continuing our wider reopening programme and inviting more eligible children into the academy. As the number of children continues to grow I look forward to working with you and your child to ensure a happy, safe and exciting end to a very different type of Summer Term.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours faithfully,



Principal