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Dear Parents and Carers

Free School Meals (FSM) & Universal Credit

Last week the Government announced a food voucher scheme for families entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). There has been no further communication to schools about this. As soon as we receive information, I will share it with you.

I have been made aware that there are some scam emails circulating suggesting that you will receive direct payments for the vouchers in to your bank account if you supply your bank details. These emails are designed to trick us into sharing our bank details for fraudulent purposes.

In the absence of the voucher scheme, we are supplying our Free School Meal families with food parcels to prepare your own hot meals at home. Every student entitled to FSM may collect a weekly parcel from school. We have attempted to contact every family where children are entitled to FSM. If you have missed our emails and telephone calls, please telephone the school between 8:30 and 3:00 on a weekday or email the school and our office staff will explain the process.

I am aware that some parents and carers may be in the process of applying for Universal Credit as their circumstances have recently changed. We will be notified once an application has been accepted and your children would then be entitled to FSM. I understand that this process may take some time, so if you have recently applied and need to access our food parcels immediately, please contact the school and we can discuss how we can do this.

Yours sincerely



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