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### Parents of children entitled to Free School Meals Vouchers

Dear Parent/carer,

The national voucher system for children entitled to free school meals is now live for schools to place orders for their children for after the Easter holidays (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April). Up until this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we will continue to deliver packed lunches. We will be closed for two weeks from 3pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and no packed lunches will be delivered. We have also already given you Morrisons vouchers which will cover you for the Easter holidays, the national voucher system does not cover holidays. West End Women and Girls are delivering soup daily, if you would like their help please contact them on 2734942 during the Easter holidays.

For the first two weeks of the summer term (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May) we have ordered you Asda vouchers for your child and will be printing off your e voucher for you and posting them on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April so you should receive them by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April .

The national voucher scheme is giving £15 per week per child, so you have vouchers totalling £30 for each child as they are for two weeks.

Please note that these will need to last you until Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>. We plan to do this for you every two weeks so you will receive your next voucher(s) on or around Friday 1st May.

If you would prefer vouchers for another shop next time (see attached FAQ list for shops you can choose) please ring to let us know by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. If you would rather claim your own vouchers please contact the school office with your email address by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

If you do not receive vouchers it is because you are not entitled to free school meals, if you feel you are and are claiming one of the following benefits please contact Newcastle Council on 2787878 or visit the website to make a claim, once we have confirmation from the Local Authority that you are entitled we will organise vouchers for you.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of 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)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the [compulsory age for starting school](#)
- in full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

If you require any further information please contact the school office on 2745290 but please remember we will be closed from 3pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April until 8.30am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

These are unprecedented times and we are thinking of all of our families at this difficult time. Everyone at Bridgewater sends their love, stay safe, stay indoors and take care.

Regards

Mrs Robson

