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Dear Parent / Carer

Following the government announcement on Free School Meals last week, we are signing up to the national Free School Meal voucher scheme, which has been set up in partnership with the Department for Education and Edenred UK. This will take the place of the Wonde voucher scheme we ran in the week before the Easter break.

This scheme will provide a £15 weekly electronic food voucher for each student eligible for free school meals, providing support for children at home during the period of school closure. The government announced yesterday that the scheme would begin this week, so we are working hard to get these vouchers out to you to as soon as possible.

A redemption eCode will be sent from the Edenred system directly to the primary carer's email address that we hold on record for each student eligible for free school meals. You will receive instructions on how to use this eCode to create an eGift card, which you should then receive within 3 hours.

The vouchers can be spent on food at a range of shops including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose and M&S, with the Department for Education working to get more shops to join the scheme as soon as possible.

You can find out more information about Free School Meals and also check to see if your family may now be eligible at:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/freeschoolmeals.asp>

More information about the Free School Meal voucher scheme run by Edenred can be found at:

<https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>

Please get in touch with me at school if you have any further questions about this scheme.

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Yours sincerely



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