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Dear Parent / Carers

### **Free School Meal Arrangements - Updated procedure**

Following the Government's instruction to remain at home to prevent the spread of COVID19, and in the light of the potential closure of banks, we have taken the decision to replace the cash system recently introduced with an electronic e-voucher system.

From 30th March 2020, those parents whose children are entitled to a free school meal will now receive a text message on their mobile phone or an email to their computer with a link to the [Wonde website](#).

The link will ask you which of the four main supermarkets, ASDA, Morrison's, Tesco and Sainsbury you would prefer to use and to receive a voucher for. The voucher will only be redeemable at that chosen retailer. You will then be sent the voucher electronically by Wonde.

For children in primary schools this will be equivalent to a payment of £2.30 per day per child, and for secondary pupils £2.35.

Please note that we have been advised that some Schools have already reported that parents and carers of children in receipt of free school meals are being targeted by fraudsters. Fraudsters are targeting families, emailing parents and carers with messages such as 'If your child is entitled to free school meals send your bank details to the school and they will help with funding while the school is closed'. The email contains links for the parents to follow if they want to receive the this funding – these links are fake. This is a scam. Please share this information with parents and carers to make them aware of this scam.

We hope that you find this helpful.

Best wishes  
Mr D. Smith  
Interim Head of School