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Dear Families,

### Free School Meals

We hope that you are all safe and well in these continued challenging times.

We are happy to advise you that the Government has recently announced the provision of free school meals to support families entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) during these continuing unprecedented times.

At Riverside School, since the announcement of the first COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020, we have provided a combination of FSM Care Packages (through the School's regular catering provider, Nourish) and E-Vouchers depending on the availability / launch of the Government voucher scheme. As a school, we understand the preference that families have shown to receiving E-Vouchers, however we have been limited by the availability of the Government's E-voucher service.

To ensure we are able to support families accordingly for the remainder of this Lockdown and in the event of any further Lockdowns, please could you complete the online form available on the link below and ensure that you register your preferences. Please do remember that E-Vouchers will only be issued when they are made available by the Government:

**Click here to complete the form: <https://www.riversideschool.org.uk/form/?pid=5&form=145>**

**We will need you to complete the online form by 5pm on Wednesday, 20 January 2021.**

#### Further information

Currently families in receipt of FSM (Free School Meals) are either entitled to:

- One E-Voucher to the value of £15 per child, per week
- One care package valued at £15 per child, per week
- These values may change in the future.
- The E-voucher does not cover those children in receipt of Universal Infant Free Schools meals (pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) unless they are in receipt of the separate Free School Meals entitlement.

We will endeavour to keep you updated accordingly.

We hope you and your family continue to remain well during this very difficult time and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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