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Free School Meal Government Update Aldi Food Voucher over Christmas

Dear Parent / Carer,

You are probably aware from the news that the government has reversed its decision not to offer free school meals in the Christmas holidays, following a successful campaign by footballer Marcus Rashford.

As you know, during the COVID-19 lockdown, the government introduced a nationwide system whereby Free School Meal vouchers were emailed out to eligible families. Despite our school being set up on the system, we had many families who did not receive their vouchers in time. This then became a huge piece of work for Miss Richardson to rectify.

As we will not be in school over the Christmas period, we have decided to issue supermarket food vouchers instead of using an 'online' system. We would hate to encounter the same issues that we experienced beforehand and not be able to sort out over the holiday period. Instead, we have successfully set up a scheme with Aldi and can now confirm that we will be issuing all of our eligible Free School Meals families an Aldi food voucher over the Christmas half-term.

All of our eligible Free School Meals families will be issued with an Aldi food voucher to the government's sum of £30 per eligible child for the two week Christmas holiday period. This voucher can be spent on food items in any Aldi supermarkets. Vouchers will not be accepted on any alcohol or tobacco purchases.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, we will be in touch with you to confirm arrangements for collecting your food vouchers.

As explained in our previous letters and Class Dojo updates: this government scheme is applicable only to families in receipt of the Free School Meals benefit.

Kind regards,

Ms. K Leach Headteacher

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