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# GILES JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Free School Meals Vouchers and use of Hardship Fund to support families

Those families who are entitled to Free School Meals and are not accessing school will be aware that vouchers have been issued since school partial closure. The vouchers issued currently are up to and including the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020. Vouchers were being issued on a week-by-week basis as we welcomed additional children into school who were able to access school meals in school.

The government have announced that Free School Meals vouchers will continue throughout the six week summer holiday. The details about how schools will pass these onto families has not yet been released but we hope we will be able to continue to do as we have previously by issuing vouchers by email. Should there be a change to the system we will inform parents.

The next voucher will be sent via the Edenred system in week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June and will cover the three weeks that will take us to the end of the school term. By this point I hope I will be in a position to share future plans to cover the summer holiday period.

We have seen a rise of 7% eligibility for FSM since lock down. We know there are families who are suffering hardship yet are still not eligible to gain this additional financial support. Families we have identified in this category will have some form of school support allocated from our hardship fund which we allocate to families who we feel would benefit from some extra help. We will be in touch with these families soon.

The school also has more good news. Magic Breakfast will make two further deliveries during the summer holidays. I will make sure I am in school and able to offer this food to any families who can collect from school on allocated days. I would urge families to contact the school if you would like to access Magic Breakfast Supplies and are unable to collect. The beans, bagels, porridge and cereal offered amounts to £11.95 if buying in the shops so can be a great help. Make sure you are accessing the support available if you are suffering financial hardship.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L Whitby  
headteacher

