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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that following the Covid-19 pandemic, many local authorities have provided supermarket vouchers to families receiving free school meals to help with costs over school holidays. Local authorities receive some money from the government through the Household Support Fund and it is left up to the local authority how support is offered. Our trust of seven schools serves families who live across multiple local authorities, and the support offered to families varies from one authority to another.

- If you are eligible to receive free school meals and live in Hull, you will be eligible for a £15
 voucher per child each week during October half term, the Christmas holiday and February
 half term.
- If you are eligible to receive free school meals and live in East Riding, you will be eligible for
 a £10 voucher per child each week during October half term, the Christmas holiday and
 February half term.
- If you are eligible to receive free school meals and live in **North Yorkshire**, you will not automatically receive a voucher each week during October half term, the Christmas holiday and February half term, but the North Yorkshire Council website provides information on what other support is available.

We recognise the enormous pressure families are under at the moment and we are concerned that the support families can receive varies from local authority to local authority. We think families who have children attending any of our seven schools should get the same support during holidays, regardless of where they live. Therefore, as a trust, we will "top up" the support for families eligible for free school meals if the support from your local authority falls below £15 per week. In addition, because of the extra costs associated with Christmas, we will provide all eligible families an additional £5 per week per child over the two week Christmas break. What this means in practice is as follows:

- If you are eligible to receive free school meals and live in Hull, you will be eligible for a £15 voucher per child each week during October half term, the Christmas holiday and February half term from the LA and an additional £5 per child each week from us over the Christmas holiday.
- If you are eligible to receive free school meals and live in East Riding, you will be eligible for
 a £10 voucher per child each week during October half term, the Christmas holiday and
 February half term and an additional £5 per child each week in October and February from
 us and an extra £10 per child each week over the Christmas holiday
- If you are eligible to receive free school meals and live in North Yorkshire, you will not
 automatically receive a voucher each week during October half term, the Christmas holiday
 and February half term. Instead, we will provide a £15 voucher per child each week during
 October half term and February half term and a £20 voucher per child each week during the
 Christmas holiday.



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This means that every child eligible for free school meals will receive a total of £70 worth of vouchers over the next 3 school holidays to help with the cost of meals.

Schools will be in touch with eligible families to share details of how you will receive this support.

Yours faithfully

Jonny Uttley

CEO