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Re. Free School Meals Provision During and After Half Term

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well.

Further to my letter dated 19th January 2021. I wanted to provide you with a further update on how we will be providing Free School Meals to our pupils at home during the **February half term and until 5th March 2021**. We are awaiting further guidance from the Government about FSM provision beyond 5th March.

Week beginning 15th February to 19th February 2021 (Half Term)

All parents/carers of pupils that are eligible for Free School Meals will be sent a gift card for the value of £15.00.

UFSM (Universal Free School Meals)

Although, the Government is not funding FSM provision for Universal Free School Meals pupils during this half term, College Park School will be providing families with a £15 voucher to cover the February half term holiday

Week Beginning 22nd February to 5th March 2021

For the week beginning 22nd February until 5th March, we will be returning to using the Edenred online platform for email and printed vouchers.

Although the official cost of a school meal is £3.00, the Edenred system only allows for payments in multiples of £5.00. Therefore, the value of the voucher will be as close to the exact amount as possible, in a multiple of £5.00, but no less than the cost of a school meal.

To simplify the process, we will be sending one voucher to cover the 2 week period from 22nd February – 5th March 2021. **Vouchers will be sent the week beginning 22nd February.**

For example if your child is attending school for 3 days a week, we would send one voucher for the **2 days they are not in school**: £6 (£3 per day) and over 2 weeks it would equal = £12.00.

Self-Isolation:

When a pupil is self-isolating we will also provide an additional voucher to cover for the days the pupil is not in school.

Please inform the school office as soon as possible if you wish to receive a printed voucher which can be posted, or sent home with your child if they are in school, or collected from the school office.

There is more information about our Free School Meals provision, Remote Home Learning resources and Covid 19 support on our school website.

Kind Regards

Claire Shepherd
Head teacher