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Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meal Vouchers

As you will be aware, in line with Government guidance we have been providing food parcels for those families with pupils entitled to free school meals.

Yesterday the Government announced that they would be re-introducing the free school meal voucher scheme, the same system that was used last year. Due to the unprecedented demand for vouchers, they will be staggering access for schools during week commencing 18th January. **At the moment, the only information we have been provided with is that at some point during that week, our account will be made live and we will be able to order vouchers for our parents/carers. At this stage, we do not know exactly when that will be.**

Due to potential delays in being able to access the system, it has been decided that for week commencing 18th January, food parcels will be arranged for those parents/carers who have requested them. Please see the website for collection times and details for both primary and secondary sites.

We will move to providing free school meal vouchers from the week commencing 25th January and these will be sent to your email address from a company called Edenred. **If you have recently changed your email address, it is essential that you contact school immediately otherwise you will be unable to access your vouchers.**

Please email fsmsecondary@bloxwichacademy.co.uk for secondary pupils and fsmprimary@bloxwichacademy.co.uk for primary pupils.

Vouchers will be for £15 per week, per child and can be redeemed at a choice of supermarkets as follows: Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Waitrose, M&S, Iceland, Aldi. More information will be provided once issued by the Government. Once received these vouchers will include the week beginning the 18th January.

Please at this stage do not contact the school enquiring about when vouchers will be distributed. Rest assured that as soon as we are able to access the system, vouchers will be ordered and distributed. We will contact you via text message to keep you updated.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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