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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide an update regarding holiday support for families eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM).

Following recent guidance from Staffordshire County Council, we have been informed that the holiday voucher scheme will no longer be continuing. This means that vouchers previously issued to support families during school holidays will not be available moving forward.

However, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme will continue to run during the main school holidays, including Easter, Summer and Christmas. This programme provides eligible children, from Reception to Year 11, with access to a range of free activities, along with a meal.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, you will receive further information directly from Staffordshire County Council, including details of how to access and book onto activities. Booking for the Summer HAF programme is expected to open in June, and eligible families will be contacted with the necessary information.

If you have any questions regarding the HAF programme, please contact Staffordshire County Council directly via Your Family Hub: yourfamilyhub@staffordshire.gov.uk.

We understand that family circumstances change. If your child is not currently in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals, but you believe you may be eligible, you can apply online via Staffordshire County Council. Further information and the application form can be found here:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-for-free-school-meals.aspx>

We will continue to share any further updates with you as they become available.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Cleary
Assistant Principal