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Dear parents and carers,

As you may know, the Government is extending the free school meal (FSM) voucher scheme over the Christmas holiday.

This means that all children who receive **benefits-related** free school meals will be entitled to £30 supermarket vouchers for each child eligible for Free School Meals to cover the Christmas break. If you have changed your email address recently, please let the school office know as these vouchers will be emailed to you from a company called Wonde (not from Edenred). Please check your emails, including your spam, for the voucher. I have attached some information from Wonde which you may find useful.

If you have any queries about FSM vouchers, please email admin@durring.com before 3pm on Tuesday 22 December. After this date the school will be closed and we will not be able to respond to your query until 4 January 2021.

Please note that benefits-related free school meals are different to the universal free school meals offered to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. However, if you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in accordance with the criteria below and your child is also receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, you should continue to register.

Is my child eligible?

Free school meals in all West Sussex schools are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- [Universal Credit](#) (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- [Income Support](#)
- [Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance](#)
- [Income-related Employment and Support Allowance](#)
- [Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#)
- [The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#) (provided you're not also entitled to [Working Tax Credit](#) and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- [Working Tax Credit](#) run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

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If you think you may be eligible, please register by clicking the [application form](#) here. If you would like help with the form, the office will be able to help you.

All families, including those children and families not eligible for FSM, will also be able to access support for food and essentials via the [WSCC Community Hub](#).

**The Community Hub can be contacted on 0330 222 7980
and is open 8am - 8pm, 7 days a week.
It will be operational throughout the Christmas Holiday Period**

Families can also contact [The Les Alden Foundation](#), whose first project was the Worthing Food Foundation followed by the Worthing Uniform Centre. Both are run by local volunteers and supported by a combination of grants and donations.

**Please contact Matthew at Les Alden directly
on his mobile number 0777 555 6974 if you would like to use their service**

Or [click here](#) to arrange a food delivery

Worthing Food Foundation also have a very active Facebook page.

Yours sincerely



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