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Dear Parents and Carers

## **RE : Free School Meals**

I am writing further to my previous communication regarding Free School Meals.

The last few days have been extremely challenging as we all adjust to the new reality of living under the current restrictions.

In terms of supporting families whose children are eligible for Free School Meals, we have been working with BCP Council in order to set up a co-ordinated response across the local area. This will be up and running next week. I will write again with further details.

The key points about the system being introduced will include:

- BCP Council will purchase digital codes which will then be passed onto parents directly.
- Parents can redeem the codes by going on line and choosing which store to use.
- Store choices are: Tesco, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencers and Waitrose.
- Parents can either print the code which is either a QR box or a barcode or use a smartphone.
- If a parent is not online and needs support, we will support you and redeem codes for you (we would need parents to tell us the shop of preference).
- Any money not spent would remain on the code and can be used subsequently.

We are working hard to get this system up and running as quickly as possible. Thank you for your understanding of the scale of the logistical challenges posed by this situation.

We will ensure retrospective payments are made to ensure each family receives their full entitlement of free school meal funding.

If you have not applied for Free School Meals and consider that you might be eligible, please apply through the BCP website:

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreducation/Schools/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Yours faithfully

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