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Dear Parent/Carer,

Subject: Easter Holidays – Free School Meal Vouchers

The government have made changes to the free school meal holiday voucher programme, and we are writing to inform you that Holiday food vouchers (known to parents in Somerset as free school meal holiday vouchers) will stop at the end of March 2026.

Families who qualified for the vouchers through this scheme will have received them during the February half-term holiday, but we have been informed by the local authority that this was the final voucher provision of its kind under the current government scheme.

There will be no holiday food vouchers issued after the 31 March date. This means no vouchers will be available for parents during the Easter holidays, as these fall in April this year.

To continue to support families the government have a new Crisis and Resilience Fund which can provide access to food support. As part of this, a new scheme is available called Cash First Support and will be starting shortly with a new provider. As soon as details are available about how and where to access support this will be communicated widely, including through schools.

In the meantime, if you are worried about your ability to manage the Easter holiday period, please note there is ongoing support available across the county:

- **The Local Pantry Network in Somerset**
- **#Help4All**
- **Community Hubs**
- **SASP – Happy Healthy Holidays**
- **Healthy Start – NHS – healthy food and milk**
- **Household Support Fund 2026 | Help with cost of living**

Yours faithfully,

Laura Campbell
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