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Dear Parents/Carers

TESCO VOUCHERS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS OVER HOLIDAY PERIODS

We have been notified that Cheshire West and Chester Council are extending their holiday support for pupils in receipt of free school meals (FSM) for another year.

Confusingly, there are two forms of free school meals. One is the "Universal Free School Meals" (UFSM) which allows all infant children to have a free school meal. That is not the scheme that this letter refers to.

The other scheme is the one related to level of income and that is the free school meal (FSM) scheme referred to here.

Just before each school holiday, school will distribute Tesco vouchers for the amount indicated below for each FSM child.

- May half term - £15
- Summer break - £15 per week for five weeks (£75 in total)
- October half term - £17.50
- Christmas break - £17.50 per week for two weeks (£35 in total)
- February half term - £17.50

If you don't claim FSM – which can often be the case for parents of infant children because they automatically get a free school meal, then you can see if you are eligible (and apply) on the following site: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Another benefit for applying for FSM if you are eligible, is that your child can benefit from discounted costs in residentials. The school then also receives more funding through the Pupil Premium Scheme to help support other initiatives.

If you would like any support in applying for free school meals, please come and speak to the school office where any of the staff will be glad to assist you. The whole process should not take longer than 5 minutes.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Manning
Headteacher



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