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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Free School Meal Food Vouchers**

Many of you would have seen the latest Government announcement about Free School Meal Vouchers. They will fund vouchers to the value of £3 per child per day for all children eligible for Free School Meals. We are awaiting an email from them regarding how we can access and administer the voucher scheme across our schools so we will keep you informed once matters are clarified. To reiterate, **this scheme will only be available to pupils eligible for benefits-related free school meals' and not those eligible for Universal Infant FSM.** It is provided during term time periods only. The guidance can be found here -

<https://www.gov.uk/.../covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-fo...>

### **Applying for Free School Meals**

If you think you might be eligible for free school meals, please apply. During this current unprecedented situation there is a lot of additional help for any child who is eligible and has registered for free school meals. The school also gets additional funding which we definitely need! We have a number of children in key stage 2 who are registered but whose siblings are not. We realise that these children get free school meals but by not registering the school does not receive additional funding. So even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and 2, please apply!

Please use the link below. It is a Devon County Council portal and you will get an immediate answer. If you are eligible and accepted, please email your confirmation to

[admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk)

Click on the link below...

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

### **Extra Support**

We are also talking to local food banks in order to arrange access for those of our parents who are genuinely struggling during these strange and uncertain times. If you need additional support then please email the school on [admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@buckfastleigh.devon.sch.uk) and we will do everything we can to assist you. It will be treated in the utmost confidence as we are all in this together and we will get through it. Please stay safe and encourage your child to continue their learning as much as possible

Kind regards

Eddie Brown

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