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Dear Parent or Carer,

### **Change in Universal Infant Free School Meals Provision**

On the 31st March, the government announced a new national voucher scheme for families that qualify for Free School Meals. We are writing to you to inform you that from 20<sup>th</sup> April we will be moving to the national Government Scheme for Free School Meals. As a result of these national changes, we are no longer funded to provide provision to children who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Until the changeover on the 20<sup>th</sup> April, we will continue to honour our commitment to you by providing vouchers over the Easter holidays.

We are, however, able to register new families for the new scheme should you be eligible for Free School Meals, and will do our best to support you through this process.

#### **Your family must be receiving any of the following:**

- 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you are eligible, you can self-register via: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or send photo evidence to the academy via email :[admin@oasistemple.org](mailto:admin@oasistemple.org) - we will then be able to advise whether we can register you for vouchers.

We understand that you may have questions about this, and we will do our best to answer these and support you at this time. We will of course keep you updated on any further developments around school provisions during this time by text/email/dojo/tapetry, but please also check the academy website for the latest news and updates.

Yours sincerely,

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