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Coronavirus update – Wednesday 29th April 2020 Provision for Free School Meals Update on Free school meals vouchers and Hamper Deliveries

Dear Parents / Carers

Update on Free School Meals National Voucher Scheme for FSM Eligible pupils

The inclusion team at Walkley have been working hard to try and support families that we feel should be on the FSM list but are currently not, and we have encouraged these families to follow the relevant application process so they too can receive the E-vouchers they are entitled to.

Update on Hamper Deliveries: As the voucher scheme is now fully operational and all FSM eligible families have received E-Codes or vouchers from the scheme provider, we will be stopping the Hamper Delivery service that you have been receiving on Wednesdays. **The last delivery was Wednesday 29th April.**

E-Codes sent directly to parents Email accounts: We have now confirmed all 51 family Email accounts for E-Codes to be sent directly to you. This week we have confirmed that these E-Codes have been received by all 51 families and parents know how to redeem the vouchers. This has proved frustrating for some families as the voucher redemption site can be slow and place you in a queue, but do persevere, the site will accept you eventually and allow you to choose the Supermarket you want your vouchers for. Through experience, we have found that the evening, after the children have gone to bed, is the quickest time to access the redemption site and choose your vouchers.

Vouchers posted to parents without Email accounts: We will continue to redeem, print and post to you the vouchers for parents without active Email accounts. We are using Tesco as the Supermarket provider for Posted vouchers.

The use of the voucher scheme makes our community less reliant on food preparation and a physical local food chain. We now trust that the national voucher scheme is the most resilient system for you all, moving forward.

Many thanks to all of you for your kind messages, feedback and support for the staff at Walkley Primary School. We are passionate about the part we can play in the global fight against this pandemic by supporting our community of key workers and vulnerable families.

Kindest regards

Walkley Primary School Safeguarding Team

