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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## Re: Free School Meals Vouchers and Easter Holiday Clubs

I am very pleased to inform you that Essex County Council have confirmed that they will be funding free school meals from the COVID Local Grant Scheme during the Easter Holidays. You will receive £30 per child to support with food costs.

These vouchers will be distributed via 'evouchers', on Wednesday 30 March 2022. Parents have been using this system successfully over the lockdown period but should you encounter any issues a helpful guide can be found here: <a href="https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb">https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb</a>

Furthermore, students that are in Year 7 to Year 11 may wish to partake in a free school holiday club that provides fun physical and enrichment activities and a healthy meal, during the holidays. 'Active Essex' will be managing the programme on behalf of Essex County Council and Thurrock Council. Parents can book here using their 'Essex ActivAte' voucher which will be emailed on Monday 21 March 2022 and clicking the link below:

https://www.activeessex.org/secondary-essex-activate-bookings/

Active Essex also are offering some specialist SEND clubs which can be booked here: <a href="https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/send/">https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/send/</a>

Yours sincerely

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