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Dear Parents and Carers

***Re: Free School Meal National Voucher Scheme (update)***

On Friday we informed you about the about the Free School Meal (FSM) national voucher scheme. At the time of writing, the voucher scheme did not cover the Easter Holidays and the introduction date was 20 April 2020.

However, on Saturday, during the government briefing, Mr Gove announced this would now be extended to include the Easter Holiday. Even though this has not been officially confirmed by the Department of Education, we are delighted to announce that the Brentwood Academies Trust, of which St Martin's is part of, has started this scheme from today.

For parents, who are receiving their voucher electronically, you will be sent an email which contains a 16-digit eCode and a link to the redemption website [www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk).

For those who are receiving their voucher by post, we will send this out tomorrow when we are in receipt of it. Please note that postal delivery may take longer than normal during this time. If you have not received your voucher 5 working days after posting, please contact Mr Peacock, Assistant Headteacher at [jpeacock@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jpeacock@st-martins.essex.sch.uk).

The weekly voucher, to the amount of £15, will be sent out either electronically or by post every Monday from hereon and it can be spent in one of the following supermarkets:

- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- Marks and Spencer

We are confident that these vouchers will be well received by our parents, carers and students and meanwhile stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely

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