



THE THOMAS LORD AUDLEY SCHOOL

Part of The Sigma Trust

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Friday 3rd April

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing with further information about the free school meal vouchers. I hope that you have been receiving the vouchers we have used for the last two weeks as an interim solution until the National Voucher system became ready for distribution.

I am also pleased to inform you that we have decided as a school to provide the same vouchers for the two weeks of the Easter holidays. Although the Government has informed schools that because meals are not usually provided during holidays, the vouchers do not need to be provided either; we have decided that we want to continue this support.

After the Easter break, the new National Voucher system should be operational. The new vouchers will be similar to the system we have been using. Parents/carers will receive an e-code and will be able to use this to select their preferred supermarket voucher. The system is most efficient if we have an up to date email address for you. If the school usually contacts you by email, we will use this. If we do not have an email address for you, but you do have one please email me directly (see below) so that we can add this to the system to avoid your vouchers being delayed. If you do not currently have an email address and are not able to sign-up for one, then your vouchers will be posted out to you every two weeks.

Please be aware that we have also received this warning from the Education and Skills Funding Agency:

2.2 ESFA Scam alerts

We have been informed that some parents have received an email stating the following: 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'.

We can confirm that this is a scam email and is not official. We urge parents that if you receive any emails like this, please do not respond, and delete it immediately.

If you have any questions or queries about this information please do not hesitate to contact me at simon.essex@tla.school

Yours sincerely

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