

Hayle Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers

You may be aware that the Government has announced a voucher scheme for parents with children eligible for free school meals. Please bear with us whilst we await further details of how to set this system up, and get the vouchers sent out to you. Our school leaders and administrators are working on this as a priority and will be in contact with all eligible families as soon as we can.

We know that the voucher scheme will provide £15 per week, per child and can be used in the major supermarkets. The voucher scheme only applies to families with current free school meals entitlement. Students who are eligible for pupil premium funding, but not free school meals are, with regret, not included in this scheme. Families who have not previously claimed free school meals entitlement but think they may be eligible can apply via Cornwall Council's website.

Please be aware that schools have been informed that families are at risk of online fraud. The following warning has been taken from the Department of Education's website.

"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."

Hayle Academy does not need parents' bank details to provide the vouchers and we will never ask you for these via an email.

As soon as we have more details about the voucher scheme we will be in touch.

Yours faithfully

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