**RE: Free School Meal direct payment – Christmas break.**

Dear Parent/Carer

Please be advised that a payment has become available in lieu of free school meals, for all pupils that are eligible, for the 2 week Christmas break, week commencing 21st December 2020. A payment of £39 per child will be credited to your bank account via a BACS transfer.

If you were receiving the payments throughout the school closures between March and September 2020, have received payments since due to self-isolation, or for the October half term **then you will not have to take any action and the payment will be processed automatically**. However, if you were not receiving the payments please use the link below to complete the application form, your payment will then be set up following an eligibility check.

The application round is open from **12pm on Friday 4th December, until midnight on Tuesday 8th December 2020.**

***New applications only, please do not apply if you were already receiving payments throughout the school closures.***

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***Further information will be sent to you at the beginning of next week regarding the school closures between the 10th December and the 18th December 2020.***

Many thanks

Beth Edwards

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