

Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Viking Parents/Carers

Viking Academy Trust: National Vouchers Free School Meals

We have been made aware of several issues with the government's **National Free School Meals Voucher** scheme. This scheme has been established by central Government for schools to use, to issue vouchers to families eligible for Free School Meals.

The issues are causing a delay in the vouchers making their way to families, despite schools' best efforts to access the vouchers. I understand that this is frustrating for families but I ask that you please bear with the schools, who are continuing to order vouchers and work with the central supplier on your behalf, where vouchers have not been received.

The company processing the vouchers, Edenred, have assured schools they have rectified the issues and families should be in receipt of the vouchers by the start of next week, if not before. Please be assured we are doing everything we can to get the vouchers to you and are extremely frustrated this hasn't happened in a timely manner.

In the meantime, if you would like for the school to provide a packed lunch for your child/ren in receipt of Free School Meals on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April, I ask that you **email** Mrs Blatchford: coo@vikingacademytrust.com to let her know this is the case, giving the name and school of your child/children.

Packed lunches will be available for collection at 11:30am from Ramsgate Arts Primary School on 16th & 17th April.

I am hopeful this is a temporary measure and the national vouchers will be available to you from next week. As soon as we receive updated information we shall communicate this to you.

I thank you for your patience and co-operation at this time and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions or require our support.

Keep yourself, your friends and family safe.

With my warmest wishes

Michaela Lewis, Executive Headteacher



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