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Dear Parents and Carers

The government announced today 7th April 2020 that they will be ensuring that all FSM eligible and registered children will be receiving meal vouchers during the Easter Break period. This is following the previous generous advice from our own local authority and now supersedes the plans that we had already put in place. As a consequence Mr Forber is currently arranging with the government provider Edenred to send out an interim voucher to cover the difference between the already distributed vouchers and the new government promise of vouchers.

In the next few days you should all receive an additional voucher from Edenred to make up the difference in the two voucher amounts for the holiday period and before.

If you have not received vouchers yet, please bear with Mr Forber over the next couple of days as he is organising the vouchers to get them to you as soon as possible.

Some of the issues that have been holding vouchers up.

- Mr Forber has tried to make contact with over 50 parents who we did not have email addresses for. When we have their email addresses sent to us these then have to be loaded up one by one onto the voucher system website, this has had to be done three times for each child, they also then need to be uploaded to our own system and into then separately into an excel spreadsheet ready for new voucher distribution.
- Some parents have still not responded to several text messages from Mr Forber to send in their email addresses and this is holding up any new vouchers being ordered. Until we have the majority of email addresses the vouchers can't be ordered. However there has got to be a deadline at some point.
- Over 28 parents have now applied for free school meals since 25th March 2020 and are now eligible, this has left a gap in the vouchers Mr Forber originally ordered and those requiring vouchers now. Mr Forber has had to set up a new order for vouchers for these parents manually one by one. These orders will be coming out to parents in the next few days.

We are still waiting on the government voucher scheme website to activate Somerville Nursery School FSM eligible pupils. We have contacted the local authority now to inform them that the government still has not done this.

Watch out for your email accounts in the next few days for new vouchers to make up the difference between what has been distributed so far and the amount to take you to the end of the Spring break.

If your child receives free school meals and you did not receive this email then please contact the schooloffice@somerville.wirral.sch.uk urgently as we need your most up to date email address if you intend to receive a voucher.

With regards

Mr Forber
Executive Headteacher