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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Free school meals update – Summer 2022

As you may have previously read, the government is beginning to cease the free school voucher scheme during the school holidays. As a result, no vouchers were provided by the government during the May half term week.

However, the government has confirmed it will still provide vouchers throughout the 6 week summer holiday. If your child already receives free school meals, the vouchers are sent out by us via the WANDE text system. To receive these, we need the telephone number that the vouchers should go to as priority number one on our system. Please contact us at helpline@beaconhillacademy.org.uk to give us details of any telephone changes as soon as possible or this could result in you not receiving vouchers. Please note: Once the vouchers have been sent out we cannot retract these so it is vital we have up to date information **BEFORE** the summer holidays to enable you to receive these to the correct phone number.

If your circumstances have recently changed it may be worth applying for free school meals to see if your child is eligible. Further details of who may be eligible is available on our school website under parents tab and then free school meals. Applying is very quick and easy to do, all you need to do is apply to Telford and Wrekin via the following link here:

http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20028/school_meals/9/free_school_meals

We are only allowed to process vouchers for learners who have been accepted for free school meals by the Telford and Wrekin free school meal system.

During the summer holidays, we will be changing our free school meal provider, this will not affect eligibility, only the company that provides the meals for us. I will provide further information to you once this has been provided relating to the changeover.

During the summer you will receive a £15 voucher every week for each child on role at Beacon Hill Academy who is currently receiving free school meals. Any children who are in year 6 at primary school and are coming onto our role will still continue to get their free school meal vouchers from the primary school as they are not 'officially' on role with us until September 1st.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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Assistant Principal



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