



Ark Charter Academy

3rd July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of some changes to the government voucher system for students eligible for free school meals during the summer holidays.

The Covid Summer Food Fund will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to be supported over the summer holiday period. The payments for the Covid Summer Food Fund will be met centrally by DfE. This is in addition to the free school meals national voucher scheme and will support children who usually receive benefits-related free school meals.

The scheme will offer a £90 voucher for the standard school summer holiday. We have to order vouchers at least one week before the end of term (22nd July). We will continue to accept and verify free school meal applications up until the end of the summer term. Please note that families that have been supported by the Covid Summer Food Fund should not be accessing the Local Authority Emergency Assistance.

The DfE has also confirmed that provision should be made for those students leaving school this summer – they can therefore receive vouchers through the summer break. For Charter, this means that students in Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals will receive a voucher.

Kind regards

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