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Dear Parents/Guardians

The Government has announced today an e-voucher/e-gift card scheme for pupils who are eligible for **BENEFITS-RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**. All schools are awaiting further information on the scheme so that we can roll the programme out.

To clarify, this does not include those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive a free school lunch under the government **UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEAL SCHEME**.

The e-vouchers/e-gift cards are for term time only and we are working through the detail as we receive the information. Our plan is to continue, as we have been, offering packed lunches to those who have been collecting them until the Easter holiday.

We will inform you of further information as soon as we have it.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools>

If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may now be eligible to claim benefit related free school meals please contact the Benefits Team on 01429 284188 or email: benefits@hartlepool.gov.uk. If eligible, the Benefits Agency will provide your details to school and we should then be able to add you to the voucher scheme.

Yours sincerely

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Be a friend,
not a bully

