



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Dear parents/carers

### **Change in Universal Infant Free School Meals Provision**

On the 31<sup>st</sup> March, the government announced a new national voucher scheme for families that qualify for Free School Meals. We are writing to you to inform you that from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 we will be moving to the national Government Scheme for Free School Meals. As a result of these national changes, we are no longer funded to provide provision to children who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

### **What this means to you**

Since the week beginning of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March all parents/carers of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been receiving school meal vouchers to replace the offering available when the Academy was fully open. It is with regret that **from 20<sup>th</sup> April this provision will cease.**

Until the changeover on the 20<sup>th</sup> April we will continue to honour our commitment to you by providing vouchers in the coming weeks this will include providing vouchers over the two-week Easter holidays and this will be in the form of one voucher covering both weeks. This voucher covering Easter is in addition to the provision funded by the government and demonstrates Oasis Community Learning commitment to our communities during this difficult time.

### **Eligibility for Free School Meals**

We are, however, able to register new families for the new scheme should you be eligible for Free School Meals, and will do our best to support you through this process.

Your family must be receiving any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you are eligible, you can self-register via: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or send photographic evidence to the academy via email - we will then be able to advise whether we can register you for vouchers.

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We understand that you may have questions about this, and we will do our best to answer these and support you at this time. If you have any queries over this process please feel free to email the Academy at [admin@oasisclarksfield.org](mailto:admin@oasisclarksfield.org) and we will be in contact with you as soon as possible.

We will of course keep you updated on any further developments around school provisions during this time by text/email/letter, but please also check the academy website for the latest news and updates.

I apologise for any confusion this may cause but as a school we are working hard to support you during this difficult time.

Thank you for your support as always

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