

Dear Parents and Carers,

03 October 2022

### **Provision of Free School Meals during October Half Term 2022**

I am writing to update you on the Government's Household Support Fund for vulnerable pupils which is being coordinated by the London Borough of Bromley (LBB). This Grant has been extended to cover the October Half Term holiday.

LBB will use the Edenred system for distribution of a free School Meal Voucher to the value of £30 per eligible child to cover the October Half Term break.

The grant purpose is *'to provide support to vulnerable households and families with children who would otherwise struggle to buy food.'* LBB has a clear eligibility criteria and NEST schools are supporting the distribution.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

- All Pupil Premium children, namely
  - children who claim free school meals or have claimed free school meals in the last 6 years
  - looked after or previously looked after children
- Children eligible for the service premium, including pupils with a parent:
  - Serving in HM Forces
  - Retired on a pension from the MoD
- Children in Need of help and protection, specifically:
  - Pupils with a Child in Need Plan
  - Pupils subject to a Child Protection Plan
  - Children Looked After
  - Care leavers
  - Pupils supported by Bromley Tackling Troubled Families
  - Privately fostered children
  - Disabled children
  - Ukrainian refugees placed in Bromley through the Family Placement of Homes for Ukraine scheme.

You will be provided with an E Code voucher worth £30 per eligible child. We will use the eligibility data and email address on our systems to notify and send the E code voucher to families.

Once families have received their E code voucher, they will be able to redeem them in store at the selected retailer by either:

- presenting the voucher on a smartphone or tablet
- presenting a paper copy of the voucher

The voucher does not have to be spent in full, in one transaction. The voucher must be used for food, and must not be redeemed for any age-restricted items, such as alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets

Please remember, if your circumstances have changed you can check eligibility on the Bromley website and complete the application form. Please also advise your child's school if you are recently eligible.

Keep safe and well

Paula Farrow

CEO