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Dear Parent/Carer

**ARRANGEMENTS FOR PUPILS NORMALLY IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS DURING CORONAVIRUS CLOSURE**

Since school closure began on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, the Trust has provided those families who would normally be in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), with Tesco supermarket vouchers to buy food in place of the meal a child/children normally receives at school. These families were asked to apply for these vouchers directly with the Trust via the following message sent by text to all eligible families:

*Please visit [www.northernambition.org.uk/coronavirus](http://www.northernambition.org.uk/coronavirus) for details of the arrangements which have been made by the Trust during the current crisis for pupils across our schools who are eligible for free school meals. At the moment this does not include infant school pupils who receive free meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) scheme, unless their parents also qualify for income-based free school meals. We will update if the government provides any further guidance on UIFSM.*

Each eligible child has now received £20 of vouchers to cover the two weeks from Monday 23 March to Friday 3 April.

**We will continue to issue these vouchers in the same way, on a two-week basis, until the 17<sup>th</sup> April using the same details families have provided us with. This will cover the whole of the two week Easter break**

The Government has today issued guidance and information to all schools about the National Voucher Scheme. After the Easter holidays, from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the Trust will seek to use this scheme to issue supermarket vouchers to all those eligible. Families will receive a voucher worth £15 per week, per child eligible and can be redeemed at Morrison's, Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose and M&S. Depending on how you choose to receive your voucher, we may select the supermarket in advance. If this is the case, we will remain with Tesco. More information and guidance around this will come out to you after Easter.

**Please do therefore ensure that your child's school(s) has up to date email addresses and contact details in order for distribution of these vouchers to be effective. Our Trust schools include:**

Airedale Infants School  
Airedale Junior School  
Oyster Park Primary Academy  
Airedale Academy

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Fairhurst".

**Elizabeth Fairhurst**  
Chief Executive  
Northern Ambition Academies Trust