

# BISHOP



# RAMSEY

Church of England School  
Executive Head and CEO: Dr Hilary Macaulay

15<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Update and explanation of Free School Meals system**

You are receiving this letter because your child is on our system as receiving Free School Meals. I'm writing to explain how this works in school.

The allowance is configured onto students' cards just before lunch time each day and shows on ParentPay as an adjustment or refund for the food bought when you look at their record. This does mean that anything bought at break is not covered; the design of the allowance is to cover the cost of a main meal at lunch, although the students are free to purchase items other than this. The allowance is also only for the day and does not carry over.

In addition, the Borough request information about all students on FSM be submitted to them. This is so they can send vouchers over the school holidays. My understanding is that this is to continue post-Covid, so please look out for their emails over the holidays and follow the instructions to activate your vouchers.

At the moment, until March 2023, entitlement to FSM is frozen, so even if you are no longer eligible, you can still receive them until the end of Years 11 or 13, or until you request that they are removed.

As well as receiving FSM, the school is also in receipt of further Pupil Premium funding for those students who are in Years 7-11. This continues even if FSM ends, for six years, or until the end of Year 11. At Bishop Ramsey, it means that curriculum/enrichment day trips and school resources like books and laptops are provided without the need for payment. You will not see items like lanyards on your ParentPay, if they need replacing the students should go to Student Services Reception and request these. If you would like to opt out of this and purchase such items yourself, please let me know by emailing [cwells@bishopramsey.school](mailto:cwells@bishopramsey.school).

If you need assistance purchasing branded Bishop Ramsey uniform, or other items, or wish to request an end to FSM, please also contact the Welfare team, [medical@bishopramsey.school](mailto:medical@bishopramsey.school).

Pupil Premium does not extend to Sixth Form, although Free School Meals do; a bursary is in place instead, so for any Sixth Form or bursary enquiries, please contact Mrs Morrison, [lmorrison@bishopramsey.school](mailto:lmorrison@bishopramsey.school).

Yours sincerely,

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