



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy Dayspring Trust



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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for working with us to set up your school meals payments to go directly into your bank account. If you have not yet been able to do this please email finance@venerablebede.co.uk and we will be able to support you to set this up.

If you recall, we did this as an emergency measure to support our families in the interim period until the Central Government set up their voucher scheme for those families in receipt of free meals. The details of this scheme have now been released and shared with schools. This means that over the coming week we will be looking at how we move over to this system.

We have been notified by the Central Government that families will not be entitled to a free meal allowance over the two week Easter break as this is a holiday, and pupils would not normally be in school. There will be no vouchers issued for this period by them.

We have spoken to the Directors of Dayspring regarding this situation. They have agreed with us that we should continue free meals payments over the Easter break to support our families in these extreme times. The payment for Easter will be made as a one off deposit directly into your bank account.

We will work to ensure that there is a seamless transition to the national voucher system as soon as practicable, and will keep you updated regarding this situation.

Yours faithfully

Headteacher

