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Dear parents and carers

Re: Coronavirus/Covid-19 and Free School Meals

I have been made aware by KCC that some parents in Kent have been approached via text and/or e-mail in relation to Free School Meal arrangements in light of Coronavirus/Covid-19.

I understand parents have been asked to provide their bank details and personal information about children who are eligible, including names and dates of birth, with a promise that money will be sent to them directly.

This information is not accurate.

Further information will be available from government later in the week which will confirm it is the <u>school</u> who will be managing the voucher system in consultation with a government's identified provider. Therefore, please <u>do not</u> respond to any messages you receive unless they come directly from the school.

If you are entitled to Free School Meals on the basis of low income (not Universal Free School Meals for all under 7 year olds) and want support to access these during the school closure, please contact me directly at <u>lpaylorsutton@langdon.kent.sch.uk</u>

Can I also take this time to remind you to be aware of anyone who contacts you either directly or via social media offering services for your family in these difficult times. Unless you can trust them, please do not share personal information related to you or your family as it may not be used in the manner you would have hoped.

Yours sincerely

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