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Free school meals during half term

Dear Parents,

You may be aware that Marcus Rashford has been running a campaign to put pressure on the government to reverse its decision not to provide free school meals over the holidays in England.

Currently, the Government remains by its decision on free school meals however KCC has now set up a dedicated helpline to enable families whose children receive benefits related free school meals to apply for food vouchers.

Anyone eligible for free school meals who needs extra financial support to help feed their children can now visit www.kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or call the dedicated helpline on 03000 41 24 24. Families have until next Monday 2nd November 5pm to apply. Families who apply will receive one supermarket voucher of £15 per child.

KCC and its partners in district and borough councils have already helped thousands of Kent residents, including families with school-aged children, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the weekend, KCC's Leader, Roger Gough, reminded residents about the help the Kent Together helpline and webpage offer and urged anyone who was struggling to contact us. This dedicated helpline will streamline and speed up the process so we can get urgent help to those that need it and ensure that no child in Kent is left to go hungry.

We would actively encourage you to contact the helpline or use the link to apply for the supermarket vouchers.

I do hope you will have a good rest of your break.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Kelly

Headteacher

