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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to make you aware that the government has temporarily extended its Free School Meal provision for some groups of children who have No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF). These groups include:

- children of Zambrano carers
- children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989, **who are also** subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

The groups above are also subject to a maximum household earnings threshold of £7,400 per annum.

- They are also temporarily extending eligibility to children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. This group is not subject to a maximum household earnings threshold

This extension is temporarily in place to support families facing difficulties due to the current unique circumstances. It covers both children who are attending school and children who are at home. This extension is available immediately until schools reopen.

If you believe your child(ren) fall into one of the groups above, please contact the Academy at your earliest convenience at office@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk. Please include FSM extension as your subject heading, your child(ren)'s name and year group, as well as relevant information regarding which of the above groups apply. We will then contact you to tell you what evidence we require to apply for this extension on your behalf. We will also be in contact with any families we think are eligible.

If you have any questions about the Free School Meal extension, please contact the Academy on the above email address.

Yours faithfully,

Jen Robertson
Principal