## Sir Martin Frobisher Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Summer Food Fund

As you may be aware, the Government have announced that they are providing additional funding for a COVID Summer Food Fund. This will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to claim vouchers for the 6 week holiday period.

If you are entitled to these vouchers, you will receive a voucher of  $\pounds$ 90 per child to cover the summer holiday period. This voucher will be issued via the Edenred system in the same way that you receive your weekly vouchers now (one email with a code).

For families with multiple children, we will provide vouchers of up to  $\pm 200$  to cover this. If there are more than 2 children in a family, you will receive more than one voucher.

Please note that vouchers **do not** have to be redeemed in a single shopping trip – they can be used several times until the voucher's balance reaches  $\pounds 0$ . To check how much money is left on the eGift card, families can ask the supermarket's customer services team when in store.

You **do not** need to reapply for the Summer Food Fund voucher, we will issue the voucher based on the list of families we have been providing vouchers for since the pandemic began.

The school have asked for the vouchers to be sent to parents for the week beginning **13<sup>th</sup>** July and you will hopefully receive your vouchers within that week. If you have any issues with redeeming your vouchers, you can contact school until 17<sup>th</sup> July. If you have any problems after this time, please contact Edenred directly at <u>freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com</u>.

#### Support for families

<u>Further government support</u> is available for families struggling as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). If families need urgent help, they can <u>contact their local council</u> to find out what services are available in their area.

### Healthy eating

When using the vouchers, families are free to select the most appropriate food and drink for their child. We encourage families to consider making choices that contribute to a healthy

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balanced diet. The <u>school food standards</u> may act as a useful guide. There are also a number of ideas and tips available online to support families in preparing healthy meals, including the <u>Change4life recipes</u> and <u>NHS Eat Well</u> website.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gayler