VAUXHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you of a change to **Free School Meal holiday vouchers**.

Following guidance from Lambeth Council, holiday food vouchers will no longer be available from October 2026 due to changes in government funding. The previous funding has been replaced by the **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)**, meaning schools will no longer distribute holiday vouchers. Any future financial support for eligible families will be provided directly by Lambeth Council.

We understand this may affect some families. Lambeth Council will contact eligible families directly and has advised that the following support remains available:

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Eligible children aged 4-16 who receive means-tested Free School Meals can access free holiday activities and a healthy meal during the Winter, Easter and Summer holidays.

For more information, visit the Lambeth Council website or email **HAF@lambeth.gov.uk** .

Emergency Support Scheme (ESS)

Financial support may be available for families experiencing hardship.

Information: www.lambeth.gov.uk/ESS
Apply online: www.lambeth.gov.uk/form/emergency-support-scheme

Cost of Living Support

Lambeth's Cost of Living team can provide advice on:

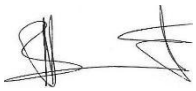
- Benefits and grants
- Food support
- Council Tax support
- Energy and water bills
- Budgeting and debt
- Employment and training

Contact: **020 7926 5059**

Email: **costofliving@lambeth.gov.uk**

Website: **lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving**

Yours sincerely



For and on behalf of Vauxhall Primary School