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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this communication finds you and your families safe and healthy.

The Dean Trust schools have remained open to support the children of key workers and those who are more vulnerable. Our provision has extended into what would ordinarily have been the Easter break in our Trafford schools. These arrangements will be replicated in our Knowsley, Wigan and Manchester local authority schools from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April for their Easter break periods.

Whilst we have ensured a consistent Free School Meal provision throughout this period, we will be moving to the new National Voucher Scheme. This roll-out starts with our Trafford and Wigan schools on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April and will be followed by our Knowsley schools on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April and Dean Trust Ardwick in Manchester on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. This will provide the parents/carers of our Free School Meal pupils with a £15 food and drink voucher at the start of each week for each eligible child that they can use in one of a range of nationally recognised supermarkets.

If your child does receive free school meals, can you please ensure that your child's school has your most up-to-date email address to support us with this process. You will receive further information from school.

As school provision and support for children has had to adapt at this time, we have updated our Child Protection and Safeguarding policies to describe how we will safeguard and support our children and families. The updated policies can be located on each of our school websites from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April. May I please ask that you read these documents and contact your school should you have any questions or concerns.

For Year 6, Year 11 and Year 13 pupils and their families, Ofqual and the Department for Education have now released further information as to how examining boards will work with schools to determine pupils' summer examination grades. This will involve schools providing an assessment grade for each pupil for each of their subjects based on evidence the school has about their learning and progress. Schools will also be asked to provide a 'rank order' of pupils within each grade to help exam boards to standardise grades. Schools will not be allowed to share these grades with pupils and/or their families and there is an expectation that pupils will receive their grades late in the summer term. More detailed information can be located via the following link

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/877842/Summer\\_2020\\_grades\\_for\\_GCSE\\_AS\\_A\\_level\\_EPQ\\_AEA\\_in\\_maths\\_-\\_guidance\\_for\\_teachers\\_students\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/877842/Summer_2020_grades_for_GCSE_AS_A_level_EPQ_AEA_in_maths_-_guidance_for_teachers_students_parents.pdf)

and the link below directs you to a letter for pupils/students from Ofqual.

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May I wish you and your families good health.

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