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Dear families,

I hope you are all well.

I wanted to write to you as the first term draws to an end and as we move into the October break. Even though this has been a challenging term in regards to planning and making sure everything is in place to keep ensure Covid safety, it is fantastic to see the schools and college fully open and supporting all students to access learning.

Everyone is working extremely hard (as we always do!), and we are planning contingencies in the unfortunate likelihood that a bubble needs to close. Fingers crossed this won't happen, however we will need to move to remote learning, and plans are in place if this does have to happen.

I think we all agree that your child needs to be at school, and though they can access some learning remotely, there is no substitute for face to face - our schools and college are much more than a place for 'teachers' to deliver lessons. Whatever happens as we move into the winter months our aim is to keep the schools and college open, however we will continue to keep the health, safety and welfare of all students and staff at the heart of all decisions.

On another note, you may be aware of the press around Marcus Rashford's pleas to extend the free school meals offer and the government voting to not support.

Our trustees have made the decision to re-launch the voucher scheme and so we will be supplying vouchers as we did during lockdown, at least up to (and including) the Easter holidays.

I'm aware that Tesco's may not be everyone's preferred retailer, however in managing the volume of vouchers this is the most cost effective system available to us. The Trustees agreed to this Wednesday and so vouchers will not be available in time for next week, however all those eligible will receive them in due course.

Can I remind you also that the school receives additional money for those students in receipt of free school meals, so if you think you're eligible I would urge you to apply, even if you do not wish your child to take up the offer of a school meal.

[https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply for free school meals](https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply%20for%20free%20school%20meals)

Please have a safe October break

Kindest regards

Kevin