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By email & post to: Prime Minister, Boris Johnson

CC by email to:

Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP:

Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP:

Dear Prime Minister,

We are writing to express our disappointment that the Spending Review announcement in November 2020 did not go further to ensure children from low-income families have access to Free School Meals (FSM).

No child should attend school too hungry to learn, or struggle to concentrate because their family is unable to afford a healthy lunch.

Last year, the high degree of public support for Free School Meals was demonstrated by Marcus Rashford's powerful advocacy, alongside widespread local action and community groups. The Government also acknowledged the importance of ensuring children get at least one guaranteed meal a day, when it extended FSM during the school holidays last year.

However, at least 1.7 million children and young people in families in receipt of Universal Credit miss out on this vital support all year round. We are calling on you to expand FSM provision eligibility to include these children.

Coronavirus is having a far greater impact on the lives and educational experiences of children from disadvantaged and low-income families. There is significant financial pressure on thousands of families, some of whom are existing on as little as £20.27 a day.

You have emphasised your Government's determination to 'level up'. Reshaping FSM provision to include children growing up in families in receipt of Universal Credit will provide an additional 1.7 million children with what they need to learn, thrive and achieve their full potential.

We urge you to make sure these families can access Free School Meals, so we can ensure that no child is left behind.

Yours sincerely,

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