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Dear colleagues

Lunch Bunch is here!

Following last summer's Lunch Bunch pilot project, Islington Council is running a further pilot this Easter.

Lunch Bunch is a project to address holiday hunger in Islington children. It is open to children aged 6-12 (year 1 to year 7) who meet the national free school meals criteria, for families on benefits or low household incomes of less than £16,190 per year before tax.

Children will have the opportunity to enjoy a free, healthy lunch while spending time with their peers having fun every day throughout the school Easter holidays.

Lunch Bunch is happening at a number of locations across Islington:

- Cornwallis Adventure Playground
- Central Library
- Finsbury Park Community Hub (Andover Estate Community Centre)
- Hungerford Primary School
- Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground
- Toffee Park Adventure Playground
- Waterside Adventure Playground

Parents can book online via Eventbrite, at www.islingtonlunchbunch.eventbrite.com, for all locations except Finsbury Park Community Hub, which is a drop-in service. The Family Information Service can assist with any parental enquiries about Lunch Bunch.

We have launched a marketing campaign across the borough to promote Lunch Bunch. Please help us to get the message out to eligible families by:

- Letting eligible families know about Lunch Bunch via your school messaging system
- Sharing the enclosed letter with eligible families via book bags or email
- Including the information in your school newsletter
- Sharing the message on social media, using the hashtag #IslingtonLunchBunch

Our post summer evaluation found that many parents weren't aware of Lunch Bunch so please take any and every opportunity to get the message out as often as possible.

If you have any questions about Lunch Bunch, please contact Victoria Horner, Lunch Bunch Project Manager, on 020 7527 6101 or victoria.horner@islington.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

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