***All of the parts of this letter in bold will need to be changed or deleted so that they are relevant to your situation.***

**{Your address and contact details}**

**{Free school meal team at local council}**

**{Address of council}**

**{Date}**

Dear **{Name}**,

Subject: Request for a Reasonable Adjustment in the provision of ***{child’s name}*** Free School Meals entitlement.

I would like you to accept this letter as a formal request for a reasonable adjustment to be made for ***{Child’s Name}*** in the provision of ***{his or her}*** Free School Meals entitlement***. {Your Child’s name}***  attends ***{Name of the school where your child attends}***

***{child’s name}*** is entitled to Free School Meals but cannot ***{access or eat}*** the meals provided because of ***{ his/her /their}*** disability. {***Please feel free to provide as much or as little detail as you want about your own circumstances}***

Not providing ***{child’s name}*** with ***{his/her/their}*** Free School meal entitlement puts ***{him/her/them},*** as a disabled person, at a substantial disadvantage when compared to a non-disabled peer. This also means that I have the additional financial burden of paying for ***{Child’s name}*** school lunch.

Section 53 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 as amended, places a duty on the authority to provide or secure the provision of a school lunch, free of charge, to pupils in attendance at public schools and other educational establishments under the management of an education authority, who are financially eligible or qualify under the Universal Free School Meals Policy in Scotland.

**As I am in receipt of *{name the benefit entitlement that qualifies you for Free school meals} {Your Child’s name}*** is entitled to Free School Meals

***OR***

**As my child is in the school *{year P…} {Your Child’s name}*** is entitled to Free School Meals

***{delete the above sentence that does not apply to your situation}***

Under section 20 of the Equality Act 2010 you have a duty to make reasonable adjustments to a provision, criteria or practice or a physical feature which places a person at a substantial disadvantage due to their disability. A failure to make a reasonable adjustment is unlawful and amounts to discrimination under section 15 of the Equality Act 2010.

I believe you can make an adjustment by providing ***{Child’s Name}*** with a weekly supermarket voucher. This was able to be done during the covid pandemic when children were unable to attend schools. This therefore proves an adjustment can be made and therefore not to make it for ***{Child’s Name}*** is discrimination based on ***{his/her/ their}*** disability.

I am formally requesting that you consider the above adjustments. If you feel you are unable to make the adjustments, please provide your reasons in writing as to why you are unable to make them. Other **{Schools/Trusts}** have provided such reasonable accommodations.

I look forward to receiving your response in writing as soon as possible but no later than 14 days from receipt of this email.

Yours sincerely,

***{Your Name}***