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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

RE: Free School Meals

The government has launched a national scheme to ensure that all children entitled to Free School Meals (benefit related not Universal Infant Free School Meals) continue to receive a meal. Whilst school has been involved in distributing food packages, this will now change to a voucher system. Vouchers, at a value of £15 per child per week (term time only), will be available through a company called Edenred.

Through Edenred, you can currently access eGift cards for the following supermarkets: Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose, M&S

It is hoped that other supermarkets will also join this list.

By providing school with an email address, you will have ownership over this money and receive an eCode. Once this is redeemed at the website (please do this within a month before the code expires) you will then be able to choose the supermarket and generate your voucher. You can either print this voucher out or have the code on your phone. Taking a photo of it when at home in wifi may be a good idea in case of poor reception in a shop.

The voucher does not need to be spent weekly and you do not need to spend the full amount in one transaction. You will receive vouchers for all children entitled to FSM. It is hoped that at the start of each week, you will be receive the next eCode.

Please note that the supermarket vouchers cannot be used to purchase age restricted products, such as cigarettes and alcohol.

If you have any questions, please refer to the FAQs (a copy of which can be found in the latest letters section of the website).

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf

Thank you and keep well, Mr MacKinnon

HEADTEACHER

