

WANSBECK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Corona Virus Update National Voucher Scheme for Free School Meals

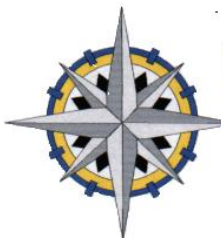
We hope you and your family are fit and well during this unprecedented National Crisis. We are missing you all very much.

After Easter we will be moving to the Governments Voucher scheme for those who are eligible. This entitles parents to grocery shopping vouchers worth £15 per eligible child. **A child is eligible for the voucher if they are currently classified as receiving free school meals at school. If your child is in Foundation Stage and KS1 and gets a free school meal as part of the universal free school meals you are NOT entitled to a voucher. You must be registered for free school meals to get the voucher. If you are not registered and believe you should be this letter outlines how to do this.**

For children who are eligible for free school meals the school has been operating a school meal collection facility at the school, the uptake of this service has been low. This service will continue throughout Easter so please continue to let the school know if you require this service during this period on the mobile number that was sent out in previous correspondence. The service will stop after the Easter Holidays.

If you know you are eligible for free school meals the **fastest way to get your vouchers is through an email address** so in order for this to be as efficient as possible we need everyone to email the school with their current email address. Please email the school by Monday 6th April 2020 with your current email address. The school email to send this information to is kbrewster@wansbeck.hull.sch.uk

If you can't receive emails the school will get the vouchers for you, print them off and mail them to your home (**this will take longer**).



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Vouchers will start the week commencing 20th April and will be £15 per week per qualifying child. You should then receive them every school week during this National crisis.

The link below takes you to the Edenred website, if you require more information follow the link.

<https://www.edenred.co.uk/reward-recipient/Free-School-Meal-Vouchers/>

Eligibility for Free School Meals

Many of you are facing difficult times and recent workplace closures have meant that many parents are on reduced income. If you have recently registered for Universal credit or are on a reduced income you may be eligible for Free School Meals and may be able to get the vouchers to help your family during this time.

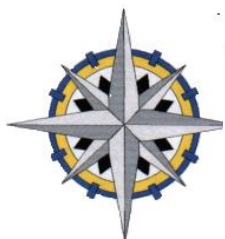
If you are not registered for free school meals and you think you now may be eligible please apply via the link below at your appropriate local authority.

<http://www.hull.gov.uk/education-and-schools/schools/free-school-meals>

Vouchers will start w/c 20th April and will be £15 per qualifying child once registered you should then receive the vouchers every school week until schools return in the future.

Yours Sincerely

Sam Bullen
Headteacher



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Help and information for parents and carers

During these challenging times, many families have been concerned about how they will receive the financial support they need to feed their children at home without the free school meal entitlement during the partial closure of schools.

To help deliver this support, Edenred UK are working with the Department for Education (DfE) to deliver supermarket vouchers to those families, where schools are not able to make food available directly to families.

You will receive this support;

- In the form of an eCode that you can redeem online from a selection of supermarket 'eGift cards' if the school has a working email address for you, or;
- If you do not have an email address or access to the internet, your school will print off the voucher, or 'eGift card', and post it to your home address, or arrange a collection if easy and safe to do so.

Frequently asked questions about the free school meals voucher scheme

The full list of parent and carer FAQs are available here >>

What's the difference between an eCode and an eGift card?

eCode - this is the 16 digit code which will be sent to you if you receive an email from your school administrator. You'll need this code to access www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk and choose your supermarket eGift card. You cannot use the eCode directly with the retailer, it must be exchanged for an eGift card.

eGift card - each supermarket has their own eGift card. To order your eGift, redeem your eCode at www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk. The eGift card will be sent to the email address entered during check-out and can be spent instore at the chosen supermarket. Your school may select your eGift card for you and either print it and post it to you, or arrange for you to collect it.

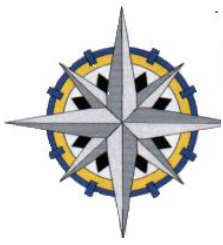
What supermarkets are available?

- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- M&S food

How often will I receive the supermarket voucher?

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The school will have flexibility in how often they send you an eCode or an eGift card. The eCode can be redeemed for a supermarket eGift card within 1 month. The eGift cards have different expiry dates - please see the parent and carer FAQs for further details

What is the value of the eCode?

This is stated in the email sent by the school.

What can be purchased in store with the eGift card?

The eGift card is issued to parents in respect of the free school meal benefit and will only be accepted in store for the purchase of food and groceries.

How do I use a supermarket eGift card?

A supermarket eGift card is a digital voucher. The eGift card email contains a link to a barcode which can be presented at the till in-store either on a smartphone screen or printed on a piece of paper, just like a gift card. Some eGift cards can be used to purchase online.

I'm not able to get to the supermarket?

You can forward the supermarket eGift card to someone else to purchase goods on your behalf if you're not able to get to the supermarket. The eGift card email contains a link to a barcode which can be presented at the till in-store, just like a gift card.

I have more than one child, will I receive multiple eCodes?

This will be at the discretion of your school who may issue an eCode for each of your children or, alternatively, may send one eCode to you, for the total value of your children's free school meal entitlement.