

Voucher Scheme to Provide Free School Meals

From Monday 20th April 2020 children eligible for free school meals will be entitled to receive online supermarket vouchers worth £15.00 per week, during term time. This will allow them to continue to access meals while schools are closed and children remain at home.

Until this date, including the Easter period, free school meals will continue to be available from Thornaby Family Hub, Tedder Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees. TS17 9JP. Tel 01642 528947. If you are struggling to collect the FSM, please ring 01642 527225 between 11-1 daily and they may be able to help.

Following the government announcement to issue electronic vouchers (ecodes) to parents, we will be able to provide every eligible child with a weekly shopping voucher. All we need to do this is your email address, please provide this via text **by 11:00am on Friday 3rd April.**

Parents will receive the voucher through school via email. This voucher can then be redeemed online via a code. An e-code is a 16 digit code which will be sent to you by email. Once in receipt of this code you would click on <http://www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/dfc> and simply select your supermarket eGift card. The eGift card will be sent to your email address and can be spent in store at your chosen supermarket. You may have to wait 3 hours to receive the email.

We will send out the ecodes weekly starting on **Monday 20th April 2020.**

Please note this is linked to children who receive FSM linked to benefits claimed, not Universal Infant Free School Meals. **Only parents whose children are eligible for free school meals will receive the voucher.**

The vouchers can be spent on food at a range of shops including Sainsbury's, Tesco, Asda and Morrisons.

If you have not received a text message regarding your vouchers by the end of **Monday 6th April 2020**, and think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact us. If you would like us to check if you are eligible, email mandalemill@sbcschools.org.uk with the information below and confirmation from you that you are happy for us to check on your behalf.

Name(s) of child/ren on school roll and dates of birth;
Name of parent;
Date of birth of parent;
National Insurance number;
Home address.

Following confirmation of eligibility, you will then start to receive vouchers.
Miss Moore