

20th January 2020

Free School Meal vouchers for remote learners

Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child/ren is currently accessing remote learning and not onsite at St John the Baptist CE Primary School. They are also entitled to free school meals.

As they are attending remotely, they cannot eat their free school meal at school so we have been making alternative arrangements for you. We had offered food parcels up until this week (as directed to do so by the government). Feedback from parents was that food parcels were not the easiest and if possible could vouchers be put in place.

As of the 18th of January, the government funded a voucher system through Edenred. The scheme allows for each child in the family to receive a £15 voucher each week. (We also used the Edenred system over the Christmas break.) St John the Baptist was allocated a slot this morning to arrange vouchers.

As your child/ren are eligible for this scheme, their meal voucher will be sent to you via email. Please inform the office immediately if any of your contact details, including your email address has changed.

The code can be redeemed against a range of supermarkets and will be to the value of £15 per child per week. If your child begins to attend school, your voucher/s will stop as meals will be provided here onsite at school each day.

We will be ordering the vouchers every Monday and they should arrive to your email by the end of day Tuesday every week for the duration of this lockdown. Please allow up to 24 hours for your voucher to arrive and check your spam and Junk folders. Should any of this information change we will notify you immediately.

For this week we ordered the vouchers today so they should be with you later today and at the latest by tomorrow evening. Please let us know on Friday if you have not received a voucher. Again please check your spam and Junk folders.

Please be aware of a message from the Department for Education who have warned parents to be wary of scam emails, for example stating that 'As schools are closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'. **This is a scam email - do not respond, and delete immediately.**

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Kind regards,



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