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Dear Parents and Carers

COVID Summer Food Fund – FSM Vouchers

As you will no doubt have heard in the news over the last few days, due to the unprecedented nature of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the government has recognised that families will face increased pressure on household budgets over the coming weeks of the summer holidays. We have received information that the COVID Summer Food Fund has been set up to support these families. Vouchers for food purchase will continue to be issued using the Edenred system over the summer holidays to cover the 6 weeks that the children are not in school.

Schools have been advised that they can issue vouchers per child to the value of £96 this covers all the days we are not in school from Monday 20th July – Tuesday 1st September and these vouchers will be emailed to you from the Edenred portal as usual. You will then need to change them into an e-gift card for the store of your choice – once this e-card is received you can either print it off and present the paper copy to the cashier or you can present the voucher on a smartphone or tablet.

Those of you that usually receive paper copies will be contacted by us to confirm the store you wish the e-card to be for and it will then be posted to you over the next few weeks. Should any of you wish to change from an emailed version to a paper copy then please let us know by Wednesday 2nd July by either email to the manager address as above or by calling the school office.

The vouchers will be issued as a single voucher for £96, the voucher DOES NOT have to be spent in one transaction and if you wish to check how much is left you just need to present the voucher itself to the customer service desk in your chosen store.

Stores where the e-gift cards can be used for are Aldi, Asda, M & S, McColl's, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco and Waitrose.

We enclose a copy of the guidelines issued by Edenred for your information in answering any queries but if there's still information you require then please contact us in school.

Any further questions or queries then please let us know.

Kind regards

Annie Knoupe

Headteacher