

1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am writing to you regarding the new voucher scheme the government introduced yesterday to support families that receive free school meals, whilst schools are closed due to coronavirus.

This new scheme provides families that receive free school meals with £3 per day, per child during term time. This increased funding can be used only in the following supermarkets Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Waitrose and Marks and Spencer.

There are 2 options with this new scheme:

### Option 1

- If you have a working email address, we can send you an eCode from the government electronically.
- Once you have received this email you then have 1 month to convert this online into a supermarket eGift card, which has a minimum expiry date of 12 months.
- This option allows you to decide on a range of supermarkets for the eGift card. However, to do this you need to have a working email address.

### Option 2

- As a school we can convert your eCode into an eGift card for a supermarket and send this to you in the post.
- The eGift cards can be used to purchase food and groceries (they don't have to be spent on meal deals) and only the money spent is taken from the eGift card.
- This option does not require you to do anything online, however for this option to work we have to pick the supermarket the eGift card can be used in.

This new scheme is also explained here:

<https://www.fullhurst.leicester.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=623&type=pdf>



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At present as a school, we have sent you meal deal vouchers for Tesco, which last until 17<sup>th</sup> April.

With this new scheme we are planning on posting all families eGift cards, option 2 above, for **Tesco** unless we hear otherwise from yourselves.

**If you do not want Tesco eGift cards posted, please:**

1. If you have a working email address and want option 1 above, please email [office@fullhurst.leicester.sch.uk](mailto:office@fullhurst.leicester.sch.uk) with your name, your child's name and date of birth before **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. After this date we will arrange for the eCode and instructions, on how to turn these into eGift cards, to be emailed to yourself.
2. If you want eGift cards posted to you ( option 2 above) but don't want these to be for Tesco, please can you ring or email the school before **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** letting us know your name, your child's name, child's date of birth and which alternative supermarket (the only alternatives are Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Waitrose or M&S) you wish the eGift card to be for.

As a school we want to be flexible to what works best for your family, within this new system.

If we have not heard back from you by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, we will assume you are happy to receive Tesco eGift cards and will post these to yourselves, so that they arrive at the latest during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> April

If you have any questions or queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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