

31st March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Free School Meals-Voucher System

I am writing to you to let you know that with effect from 20th April the schools within our trust namely, Northallerton School, Richmond School and Stokesley School will be operating a meal voucher system for each child eligible for benefits related free school meals who are required to stay at home as a result of illness or because the school is closed.

How the system will operate:

Each school will administer its own voucher system and the system will operate as follows:

- a) Parents/carers with access to the internet
You will be sent an eCode by the school which will enable you to choose an eGift card from a range of supermarkets (noted below)
- b) Parents/carers with **no** access to the internet
The school will select, print and post an eGift card to you which you can then redeem. If this is impracticable then please contact the school as it may be possible to arrange for you to collect your vouchers from the school.

The easiest and most efficient way of accessing the voucher is via email, particularly on smart phones or tablets. If you do not have an email address there are numerous free ones available such as Gmail, yahoo, live etc. which can be set up quickly.

Supermarkets available to use:

There are currently 6 supermarkets on the Government's list:

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

but this may be added to at a later date.

Redeeming the Voucher:

You can redeem the voucher at your selected store by either:

- presenting the voucher on a smartphone or tablet; or
- presenting a paper copy of the voucher

Food and Drink Selection:

You are free to select the most appropriate food and drink for your child but the vouchers should not be used to obtain alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets.

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Value of the Voucher:

Each child is entitled to a voucher to the value of £15 per week.

Validity Period:

The vouchers are available for term time only.

Who will receive the Voucher?

The voucher will be made available to the adult with caring responsibility for the child.

Contact Details:

Should you have any queries in relation to the above please contact the school directly by the following means:

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| Northallerton School | email: enquiries@northallertonschool.org.uk |
| Richmond School | email: admin@richmondschool.net |
| Stokesley School | email: office@stokesleyschool.org |

Yours faithfully



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