



FSMChristmasVouchers/HAL/Ldr

10th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Christmas Free School Meal Vouchers

The Government has announced a new winter support scheme, designed to directly help families and individuals who have been hit hardest by the pandemic. The majority of the funding is set aside to ensure children are fed over winter.

A grant has been provided to Halton Borough Council to distribute to families who need it most, and in discussion with schools and partners, they have agreed to use the funding to provide all families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) with supermarket food vouchers over the Christmas holiday period.

The vouchers will cover the period of two weeks from Monday 21st December 2020 - 4th January 2021 and will be £15 per week per child, a total of £30.00 per child.

The vouchers provided can be used in Asda, Morrisons, Aldi, Tesco or Iceland, and should only be used to buy food and other essential items.

To enable the vouchers to be sent out electronically, the Council has appointed a third-party provider **Wonde** to distribute the vouchers. School has been asked to provide your contact details so that vouchers can be sent to you by email by Friday 18th December 2020.

The school will provide the following information to the third-party provider: parent's first and last names, email address and phone number. If you have changed your mobile phone number or email address, please update your contact details by contacting the school office.

If your contact details are not correct, then the vouchers may not reach you in time for Christmas.

A guide to accessing your vouchers once you have received your text or email can be found using the following link. You will also find details on the school website.

<https://help.schoolvouchers.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360015110178-How-to-access-your-voucher-step-by-step-instructions->

Should you require any further information, please contact E Hall of K Leadbetter on the school number.

Yours Faithfully

E Hall
School Business Manager

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