



Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Free School Meals Provision**

During this period of school closure, as you will probably be aware from the press, the Department for Education (DfE) have launched a national 'free school meal' voucher scheme. This scheme is being run in conjunction with Edenred UK to deliver supermarket vouchers to families who are entitled to this support.

As a school we have been working with local firm, 'Thornes' but uptake of these vouchers has been consistently low to date for many reasons. Therefore, we have decided to opt into the national scheme which will allow parents more flexibility over where they would like to shop and the e-code system will also remove the need to visit school in person which is safer for all involved.

When the scheme is up and running, you will receive support in the form of an eCode to the value of £15 (per child) that you can redeem online from a selection of supermarket 'eGift cards' which is sent via the email address you have provided us at school. I have also attached a parent guide with frequently asked questions to help you understand how the system works. This eCode voucher system will start from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020**.

When redeeming your voucher, please be aware that there is a high volume of people trying to access the website so please try to access it out of peak hours (currently 10am – 4pm). There is a queuing system in place which is being used to regulate the system so please be patient.

Any questions, please contact the school office which is open daily between 9am and 3pm.

Stay safe and thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Jodie Flynn

Headteacher