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Dear Parent/Carer,

DfE Voucher Scheme for Free School Meals

We hope that you have found the Tesco giftcard method of assisting you in place of Free School Meals easy to use and beneficial.

You may be aware that the Department for Education has now set up a scheme which will replace our one. This new scheme is through a company called Edenred, which some of you may be aware of if you have used Childcare Vouchers. You may find that the email contains the name 'Compliments Select'.

This scheme will work in a very similar way whereby we will load your email address information on to their portal, you will then receive an email which contains a 16-digit eCode and a link to the redemption website: www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk. You cannot use the eCode directly with the retailer, it must be exchanged for an eGiftcard. Each supermarket has their own eGift card. To order your eGiftcard, redeem your eCode at www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk, the eGiftcard will be sent to the email address entered during check-out and can be spent instore at your chosen supermarket.

The eGiftcards currently include the following food retailers:

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

Please note that eCodes will expire after 1 month from the day of activation.

For those of you whom have replied giving permission for us to pass over your email address to Edenred, eCodes will be sent to you today. For those of you for whom we have not got permission, vouchers will be sent to you in the post. These will be paid throughout the Easter Break and into the new term.

I have attached a copy of the information sheet for parents and carers provided by the Department for Education to give you some further insight into how the scheme will work and how you change your eCodes into eGiftcards.

The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence Mrs K Bones at kbones@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.



This is a new scheme for all of us but if you do have any questions or queries, please do get in touch with me at kbones@buckinghamschool.org and I will do what I can to help.

Yours faithfully,

Kate Bones
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