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Dear Parents & Carers

Schools and education settings are concerned about the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on pupils currently eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Government guidance has asked schools to make sure eligible pupils have continued access to free school meals during this time of school closure. Packed lunches were prepared yesterday that were not collected. Going forward St Dunstan's School has made arrangements for a supermarket voucher to be text/emailed to the parent or carer of all pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

I am sure that you will realise that this system is new, developed in very challenging circumstances, we have been assured however that it is fully functional. It is possible there may be a 24 hour delay for parents to receive their first voucher until they reply to nominate their supermarket preference. Please note that a parent only has to choose their preference once as it will be retained for future vouchers.

When do the vouchers expire?

Depending on the supermarket, vouchers expire between 12 months and 5 years after they're issued to your school. Vouchers are intended to be spent on food within a very short window (i.e. days/weeks).

What supermarkets are available through this scheme?

Currently our supplier only offers vouchers from the following supermarkets, if this changes parents will be informed.

- ASDA
- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsburys

Only one voucher will be sent, for example, 5 days @ £2.30, the parent will receive one voucher for £11.50.

Yours sincerely

J A Kenny
Head Teacher

