



HILLINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: National Food Vouchers

During the COVID-19 outbreak we will continue to support pupils eligible for free school meals. The Department for Education (DfE) has developed a National Food Voucher scheme via Edenred to provide supermarket vouchers. We are utilising this scheme to administer food vouchers for our eligible families. We are pleased to inform you that the DfE has extended the voucher period to cover the Easter holidays.

Each eligible child will receive a voucher of £15 per week from 6th April 2020. You will receive a redemption eCode from the Edenred system directly to the main carer email address registered with the school. The email will include full instructions of how to use the eCode to create an eGift card.

You can currently access eGift cards for the following supermarkets:

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

The DfE are working to add additional supermarkets to this list.

Once families have received their voucher, they will be able to redeem them in store at the selected retailer by either:

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

Families are free to select the most appropriate food and drink for their child. When selecting products, we encourage families to consider health and nutrition. The [School Food Standards](#) may act as a useful guide for families.

The vouchers should not be redeemed for any age-restricted items, such as alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets.

There are a number of online resources available to support families in preparing healthy and nutritious food, including on the [NHS Eat Well website](#).

I attach a Frequently Asked Questions and guidance to support you redeeming the vouchers.

If you have any further questions please email hillprimary@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk, and we will aim to answer your query as soon as possible.

This is an unprecedented situation for all of us and we will do our very best to react and pre-empt situations as they arise and keep you updated.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Nahbila Sher
Business Leader