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Dear Parents/carers

As you are aware due to the covid pandemic many of our students are not receiving full time onsite school provision, this can be due to home's decision not to send their child or as a result of school reverting back to our 2m social distancing rule and limiting the number of students we can effectively support on site at any one time.

As a result of these measures it has meant that those students in receipt of free school meals have been issued with food packages as government guidance recommended. You will be aware that more recently, the government has agreed to restart the national voucher scheme as a means to supporting during lockdown.

A big thank you to those families that contacted us and provided feedback relating to the content of the Morrison's hampers and to our own. We have now reviewed our practice, in order to try and provide more effective support families and also to reduce the pressures on our catering team.

Therefore for the last three weeks of this term we will be issuing supermarket vouchers again. The amounts issued will be based on the number of days home are expected to provide lunches for their child(ren) and to the value of £3 per day. Therefore if your child is not accessing any onsite provision, you will receive a supermarket voucher to the value of £45 (£3 per day x 5 days a week x 3 weeks left this term). Unfortunately the voucher scheme does not facilitate denominations of £3 hence why we are issuing one voucher for the next three weeks, this approach also means that there may be a few circumstances where a family may receive slightly more than the equivalent of £3 per day (we wanted to ensure no families were left short during these difficult times and as a result rounded up).

Please can you contact school no later than 9.30am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 to confirm your chosen supermarket. The supermarkets involved in supporting the voucher scheme are:

- Aldi
- Iceland
- McColl's
- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- M&S (M&S are also offering £5 free if you use one of their vouchers instore)
- Company Shop Group



Any families we haven't heard from we will assume they still wish to use the same named supermarket they used during the first lockdown.

Please don't hesitate to contact us for further information or if you have any questions, comments and feedback. Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times and hope we can all look to some changes in restrictions over the February break.

Kind regards

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Headteacher