

13th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

During these challenging times we want to ensure that pupils who are eligible for free school meals continue to access support if they are not in school.

We have emailed all eligible pupils a £15 voucher eCode to their school email accounts to spend at a supermarket of their parents' choice (see list of participating retailers below). There are further details below about how you can access, redeem and spend the voucher in the next part of this letter.

How to use my eCode to access my chosen supermarket vouchers?

STEP 1: Copy the eCode from your child's school email.

STEP 2. Go to <https://www.selectyourcompliment.co.uk/grocery>

STEP 3. Enter the 16 digit eCode (you can enter more than one eCode if you have more than one to redeem).

STEP 4. Select a supermarket.

STEP 5. Enter the amount and add to basket.

STEP 6. Checkout and enter the email address you would like the eGift card sent to.

STEP 7. Your eGift card will be processed and sent (please allow up to 3 hours for it to be delivered to your inbox).

The King's CE School is providing all pupils who are eligible for free school meals with a single voucher to the value of £15 each week for every child eligible for benefits-related free school meals who is not attending school because of Covid-19. Voucher eCodes will be sent to parents/ carers from the school via email on a weekly basis.

Where a family has more than one child eligible for benefits-related free school meals this will be reflected in the voucher denomination. For example: 2x children eligible for free school meals will receive 1x voucher code worth £30 each per week etc.

The school will send an 'eCode' via email directly to pupils(s) school email accounts. Parents/Carers will need to then choose an eGift card from a range of supermarkets listed below.

If parents **do not** have access to the internet, either via smartphone or computer, then the school will select an eGift card on your behalf, print and post the eGift card to you.

EGift cards can currently be used in the following supermarkets:

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

We recognise that it may not be convenient or possible for some families to visit one of these supermarkets, and the government is working to see if additional supermarkets can be added to this list. If families are unable to visit one of these supermarkets, The King's CE School will continue to provide a packed lunch for collection at 1pm during the school term for pupils.

Please email: freeschoolmeals@kingswolverhampton.co.uk by 11am to register your interest and confirm your collection time.

Redeeming the vouchers at a supermarket

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 and can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/standards-for-school-food-in-england>

Important: Parents **do not** have to spend the entire voucher gift card amount in one go. The voucher is designed so that it can be used multiple times. You can check the balance of the voucher at any time by approaching a cashier/ help desk in your chosen supermarket. They can **scan the barcode** on the voucher to check the remaining balance for you.

There are a number of online resources available to support families in preparing healthy and nutritious food, including on the *NHS Eat Well* website that can be accessed here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/>

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lingard (freeschoolmeals@kingswolverhampton.co.uk or phone 01902 558333) if there is any way in which we can support you further.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr J. Ludlow
Principal