

26 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is of the utmost importance to me, Outwood Academy Hemsworth and Outwood Grange Academies Trust that we do everything we can to support children and families entitled to Free School Meals. This is clearly challenging when we are being asked to close schools to all but a few pupils and maintain as much social distancing as possible. I trust the arrangements detailed below will provide some benefit in these difficult circumstances.

We have put in place a system where you can access an electronic voucher from a choice of supermarkets. We currently anticipate that this means that you will receive £11.50 each Monday that the school remains closed but we will update you if this changes.

In the next 24 hours we will text you a link which you can follow to obtain this voucher:

1. Follow the link provided, choose which supermarket you would like a voucher for and press submit
2. You will then be sent a voucher to the value of £11.50 for this supermarket. Please be aware that the timescale for this to be sent does vary by supermarket. If you make the supermarket selection by midday this is the expected turnaround:
  - a. Tesco - Same day
  - b. Morrisons - Same day
  - c. Asda - By midday the following day
  - d. Sainsbury's - By midnight the following day
3. At present these vouchers are only able to be used in stores but this may change in due course. Please use this to provide lunches whilst schools are closed in lieu of the free school meal that we would ordinarily provide
4. Each week we plan to send you another voucher but we will update you if this changes

Please be aware that there are a number of scams concerning Free School Meal vouchers and be extra vigilant with any communication regarding Free School Meals. This process **will not** ask you to provide any bank or debit/credit card details.

Thank you for your support and I hope the arrangements detailed above are useful to you. If you need any further support during the period when the Academy is closed, the following services are available to assist you:

- <https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/>
- <http://earlyhelp.wakefield.gov.uk/children-and-families/children-first-hubs/>
- Citizens Advice Bureau- 03444111444
- Wakefield's Children Social Care 0345 8503503

Yours faithfully

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