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Tuesday 8th December 2020

FSM Vouchers for Christmas period

Dear Parent/Carer,

During lockdown and again over October half term, families eligible for Free School Meals were provided with a supermarket voucher through school. At that time, the scheme was initiated by the government/the local authority but processed through school via email addresses you had provided to us.

For the Christmas period, families will once again be offered supermarket vouchers but this will be processed solely by the council. All families who feel they are eligible must apply through the council using the link in the information attached. School will not be able to process any vouchers. **Without applying through the council link, you will not be sent any vouchers.**

A letter from the council explaining the process is attached over leaf – all applications must be made to the council before Friday 11th December 2020. Vouchers may also be available for other families in addition to those eligible to FSM – please see the eligibility guidance attached.

Many thanks,

Purshouse and Hemmings

Mrs J Hemmings and Mrs R Purshouse
Acting Heads of School



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From Wolverhampton Local Authority:

This has been a hard year for many families and individuals. The Government recently announced a “Covid Winter Grant Scheme” to help those most in need during the winter months.

We are writing to let you know that you can apply for support from City of Wolverhampton Council, to help with the costs of buying food for your child/ren during the Christmas holidays.

This support will be provided as an “eCode” which can be exchanged online for a supermarket voucher to spend with a participating retailer (£15 a week per child).

Your child does **not** need to be registered for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) to be able to receive this support.

You can **apply from 5 to 11 December 2020** at

<https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmealswinter> if you are:

- eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) not Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)*; or
- entitled to Working Tax Credit with annual income less than £16,190; or
- receiving Universal Credit with take-home pay less than £1,233.33 a month;
or
- waiting for your first Universal Credit payment

If you would like to apply for support but don't meet these requirements, please contact the school office to discuss your circumstances in confidence.

*UIFSM are free meals provided to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, regardless of their family circumstances.

Help with your application

- Please **only apply once** – when your application has been submitted you will see a message on the screen and receive an email to confirm your application has been submitted
- If you **don't have access to the internet, or don't have an email address** please
 - Let us know – we can help you to complete your application
 - Or, call the Stay Safe, Be Kind Helpline on 01902 290241.

