



To: Parents

July 2020 Free School Meals Update

The **Department for Education** (DfE) have decided to provide Free School Meal Vouchers for part time eligible children. This will be backdated to when your child started back to school in June 2020.

Over the next 2 weeks you will receive your normal Free School Meal Vouchers along with any owed vouchers for part time pupils. If you do not have a valid email address, and have requested that the school apply for an eGift certificate on your behalf, the vouchers will be posted to you upon receipt.

Covid Summer Food Fund

Free School Meals Vouchers will be provided over the summer holidays for eligible children. Each eligible child will receive a voucher for £105. This covers from Monday 20th July 2020 until Friday 4th September 2020.

The vouchers will be emailed to you during the last week of term and must be redeemed into an eGift card before being used. This means that every time you use the eGift card the balance will reduce as you do not need to use the amount in one go.

Please ensure that you download your voucher as soon as possible as the DfE want all the emails delivered by the cut off date of 14th August 2020. School will need to be informed by the end of term (17th July) if vouchers have not been received. Any issues will then need to be resolved immediately.

The Free School Meals Vouchers will then cease when the school re-opens in September 2020.

Please check the school website for the parent/carer user guide from the DfE and Frequently Asked Questions about the vouchers.

As in previous weeks - if your child is attending school then they will be entitled to a packed lunch on the premises. If your child is being home schooled then you will receive a 16 digit Voucher from the DfE via email per family. This means that if you have more than one child at Longwill you will receive one code which covers £15 per child at Primary School Age.

Vouchers for Early Years are £6 per week and if you are eligible for these then you will receive an email during July with a £30 voucher which covers 5 weeks at a time.

I would like to thank you all for your patience in these trying times.

Stay Safe

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