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Dear Parent/Carer,

E-voucher scheme for pupils eligible for Free School Meals

This week, we have been given notification that each child eligible for benefits-related free school meals will benefit from a national voucher scheme allowing them to continue to access meals whilst they stay at home.

This means that we can now provide every eligible child with a weekly shopping voucher worth £15 to spend at supermarkets while we are closed due to coronavirus. This will be done electronically via a voucher code which can be redeemed online or as a gift card if you don't have access to the internet.

Shops where the vouchers can be spent are Sainsbury's, Morrisons, Tesco, Asda, Waitrose and M&S. It is hoped that many more shops may join soon.

As a school we have decided to arrange a weekly £15 rolling voucher for each Newchurch robin who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals. This funding will be combined for a family that has more than one child eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

If you are eligible, you will have a code sent via email to you. You will need to have access to the internet and a working email account in order to access the codes online. The vouchers can be redeemed by either showing the code on your phone or tablet at a supermarket or presenting a paper copy of the voucher.

The vouchers should not be redeemed for any age-restricted items, such as alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets.

If you think that, as a result of the current crisis, your child may be eligible or become eligible for free school meals you will be able to access this scheme. In order to verify eligibility you will need to contact Mrs Bev Heath on newchurch_primary@warrington.gov.uk and she will provide guidance on what is needed.



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If you are currently eligible and have been receiving the vouchers the school has purchased and distributed until the national vouchers were organised, please watch out for the email from the school office.

With kindest regards,



Mrs J Narraway
Head Teacher

