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Free School Meal Update

Wednesday 20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have received a varying response to The Farm Kitchen food boxes with some parents who really like them and others who are not happy with the content.

The guidance from the Department of Education and the Local Authority is that schools continue to use their current food supplier to provide Free School Meals if they are able to do so.

The complaints we have received have been fed back to The Farm Kitchen and they have responded by including menu ideas and recipes in their boxes. The complaint has also been raised with Lincolnshire County Council.

Schools are encouraged to use their local food provider to support local businesses and ensure a service is in place when schools re-open. The boxes also contain at least a week's worth of lunches that are nutritious and have menu ideas. The content is lower than £15.00 due to The Farm Kitchen having on-costs such as staffing and delivery charges.

However, now that schools are partially reopening, The Farm Kitchen will be able to fulfil some of their orders through the provision of Universal Free School Meals, Free School Meals and orders from parents who want to pay for a school meal. I envisage that some children will not be back in school until September due to the space in school for social distancing and our staffing and we want to offer you a choice of what you prefer.

Some families may want to continue with food boxes because they like them. Furthermore, some families can't get food deliveries online or they struggle with transport and can't get to the shops.

I think the simplest option is to order FSM vouchers for all families and contact those who we know may struggle with a delivery or they can't get to the shops. Parents who still want a food box will need to contact us as soon as possible. Please note that pupils in school will not receive a food voucher or a food box as they will receive a FSM in school from The Farm Kitchen. Furthermore, the food boxes are not guaranteed by The Farm Kitchen if schools do not re-open on 1st June 2020 and we may have to look at alternate provision for those families. The Government has advised schools that no payment for FSM is made during half-term.

The Government has appointed Edenred to provide the FSM vouchers. The scheme will provide you with an 'e-code' that can be accessed via an email sent directly from Edenred – noreply@edenred.co.uk to use to redeem a £15.00 e-voucher that can be spent in one of the

participating supermarkets. These 'e-codes' are designed to be sent to families on a weekly basis throughout the school closure period.

Parents can find more information about claiming their voucher via the following link:

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf

How it works?

1. **Notify the school if you DO NOT want a voucher (by contacting Mrs Jane Crawford). The school will then set-up a voucher scheme for all parents who want a voucher and contact The Farm Kitchen about food boxes for those who wish to keep the current provision.**
2. Check your inbox or Junk mail for noreply@edenred.co.uk
3. On welcome page it will show the "redemption eCode"
4. Copy the eCode, this is a 16-digit number, and tap on the blue box where it says "Redeem your code"
5. Next page will be headed "Your choice", please paste or enter the 16-digit eCode then tap on "Redeem"
6. Following page will give you choice of Retailers where you wish to spend your voucher.
7. Select a retailer of your choice.
8. This will take you to the next page where it will ask you to enter an amount.
9. Please remember the amount you have been granted for this week and enter the same amount. E.g.: £15, £30 or £60
10. Once you have entered the amount please tap on the check out.
11. Next page you should see the confirmation of purchase of an E-Gift card of your choice and it will say you will receive the E-Gift card within the next 24hours, again check your inbox or junk/spam mail to receive the Digital-Gift card within 24hours.
12. Instore you can present the Digital Gift card on check out. Or for online shopping simply enter the card number and pin when making the payment.

Please note that we need to know if you want a food box by **10:00 am on Friday 22nd May**. We hope to have the food vouchers in place by the week commencing 1st June although there have been some delays from Edenred in getting everything in place on time. All communication regarding food meals should be sent to **Mrs Crawford on Class Dojo**.

Finally, I would like to thank The Farm Kitchen who are doing their very best under very difficult circumstances and they have listened to and taken-on board any complaints. It is important to support their business to ensure we can feed the children when they are back in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C Collett
Executive Headteacher