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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Provision of food vouchers for free school meal eligible families**

We are writing to update you with current information about food vouchers available during the academy closure period, being distributed weekly to parents via the Department for Education's provider Edenred. You will probably have heard that the government is continuing to fund food vouchers for free school meal eligible pupils during the summer holidays this year.

The Covid Summer Food Fund vouchers for £90 to cover the 6 week holiday period for eligible pupils, will be valid to use from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the e-codes or hard copy vouchers will be issued to families next week. The voucher does not have to be spent in full, in one transaction. To check how much money is left on the eGift card, parents can ask the supermarket's customer services team when in store.

**Please ensure that you contact us by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July latest, by emailing us at [ShenleyAcademyFoodVouchers@E-ACT.org.uk](mailto:ShenleyAcademyFoodVouchers@E-ACT.org.uk) if you are eligible to receive free meals but have not yet requested food vouchers and would like to do so, so that we can ensure you receive the vouchers to cover the holiday period.**

The e-codes sent to families can be redeemed as vouchers to be used at the following shops (or hard copy vouchers if requested are available for use at these shops):

- Aldi
- Asda
- Company Shop Group
- Iceland, including The Food Warehouse Stores
- M&S
- McColl's
- Morrisons
- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- Waitrose



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Once families have received the voucher, they will be able to redeem them in store at the selected retailer by either presenting the voucher on a smartphone or tablet or alternatively a paper copy of the voucher. [Guidance](#) is available from Edenred, as well as on our website <https://shenleyacademy.e-act.org.uk/useful-info/free-school-meals/> for parents to help answer any questions they may have.

E-codes for food vouchers issued after 1<sup>st</sup> July are valid for one month only so should be redeemed for vouchers within this time period, although the vouchers are valid from between 12 months and five years, depending on which supermarket they are for. More information on this can be found in the Edenred [Guidance](#) which is also on our website free meals information page.

We hope this information is useful, but if you do have any further queries or concerns, please contact us via **ShenleyAcademyFoodVouchers@E-ACT.org.uk**

Kind regards,

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