



SHEERNESS WEST FEDERATION

Isle of Sheppey, Kent



Dear Parent / Carer,

We have heard from KCC today and are urgently contacting all of our parents / carers with a child registered at the school for Free School Meals.

Following the Government's announcement to provide Winter Grant money to deliver benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) over the Christmas holiday period, KCC will provide eligible families with supermarket food vouchers. The vouchers cover the period of 2 weeks and will be £15 per week per child and will cover the period from Monday 21 December 2020 – 4 January 2020.

The vouchers can be provided for either use in Asda or Tesco and should only be used to buy food and other essential items. Asda vouchers can be used online, or instore and Tesco vouchers can only be used instore, however the vouchers cannot be used in both stores.

To enable the vouchers to be sent out electronically, the council has appointed a third-party provider to distribute the vouchers, and the school has been asked to provide your contact details so that vouchers can be emailed to you the between 30 November 2020 and 9 December 2020, from the following email address:

free.school.meals.kent.county.council@notifications.service.gov.uk

The school will provide the following information to the third-party provider: parents first and last names, email address, phone number and supermarket choice. If you have changed your contact details recently please ensure we have the correct information. If your contact details are not correct, then the vouchers may not reach you in time for Christmas.

KCC have provided a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and a privacy notice explaining how your data will be protected by KCC and their third-party provider:

www.kent.gov.uk/foodvoucherprivacy . Copies of these documents are on the front page of the school website.

We will be assuming that unless we hear otherwise all families would prefer to receive a voucher for Tesco.

If you need to update your contact details, or wish your voucher to be for Asda please ensure you contact the school office by 10.00am on Monday 30th November.

Once the information has been sent off to KCC that day we will be unable to make any changes so please make sure you contact us urgently if you need to do so.

Yours faithfully

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