



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

FSM - NATIONAL SUPERMARKET VOUCHER SCHEME

If your child/(ren) is/are eligible for benefits tested FSM (not Universal Infant Free School Meals), the government has now introduced a new national supermarket voucher scheme.

Originally, the supermarket vouchers were not going to be issued during the Easter holidays, but the government have now updated this guidance and they will be.

Therefore, from week commencing 06 April, those entitled to benefits tested FSM (not Universal Infant Free School Meals,) will receive these supermarket vouchers.

Those entitled should be aware:

- A supermarket voucher to the value of £15.00 each week for every child eligible for benefits-related free school meals (who is not attending school).
- An 'eCode' will be emailed directly to the parents/carers of the student(s) eligible for free school meals. Parents/carers will receive instructions on how to use this eCode to create an eGift card for a range of supermarkets: Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose or M&S.
- Once parents/carers have created their 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 presenting a paper copy of the voucher.

The government website launched to issue these vouchers is experiencing high volume usage and, therefore, vouchers may not be emailed as promptly as we would like. Please allow several days for these to arrive in your email inbox.

If you have any questions about this, please contact enquiries@theacademy.me

Yours sincerely

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