



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Including Berryfields Primary

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01 April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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 voucher scheme.

For week commencing Monday, 30 March, we will still be making a cash payment to a parent's /carer's bank account, which is intended for the purchase of food for your eligible child/(ren). These payments are being processed this week for all the parents/carers who have replied with their bank details.

The amount we will pay is £2.50 per day for Secondary students and £2.30 per day for Primary students for any days that the school is closed. Note: this does not include the Easter holidays.

From week commencing Monday, 20 April we will then be using the newly launched government national voucher scheme to provide supermarket vouchers to those eligible for FSM (not Universal Infant Free School Meals).

- 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) will be issued.
- An 'eCode' will be emailed directly to the parent/carer 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 ie 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. If you have any questions about this or any other issue, please contact enquiries@theacademy.me

Yours sincerely

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