

Dear Parent / Carer,

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2020

We hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware, school **sites are now closed** to the majority of children and staff and are operating only as a last resort as emergency childcare centres for those **key children identified by the Government**. In line with Government guidance, Knowsley Council has worked tirelessly to be able to **help support you to provide free school meals for your child** during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your patience whilst we work to resolve such matters.

If your child **currently receives free school meals** and is not attending school during this period of time, Knowsley Council has made arrangements for you to receive food vouchers via a partnership with Wonde.com. **These vouchers will be sent once a fortnight, in the first instance via TEXT or EMAIL to your mobile phone**. If you do not have internet access on your mobile and are therefore unable to view the voucher you can forward the message to someone who has and they can help you redeem the voucher.

Knowsley Council will fund this service until a Central Government scheme is up and running. For Primary School Pupils the voucher will have a value of £32.20 and for Secondary School Pupils the voucher will have a value of £32.90.

You will shortly receive a text message from Wonde to confirm which supermarket you would like to use your voucher in. The supermarkets currently available are ASDA, Tesco, Sainsbury's and Morrison's (however Wonde are adding more in the near future).

The new voucher system will be in place for those pupils entitled to the pupil premium from Monday 30 March and those pupils entitled to universal infant free school meals will be available from Tuesday lunchtime. If your child is in the universal category then you should put in place the same arrangements you did on Saturday and Sunday. The scheme is fully funded by Knowsley Council and will remain in place until the Government implements a national scheme.

If you have any questions about the message that you receive from Wonde, or if you believe you should have received a message from Wonde and haven't, please contact the school office by the end of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Further updates about the scheme will be provided shortly both via Knowsley News ([www.knowsleynews.co.uk](http://www.knowsleynews.co.uk)), the school website and social media.

We hope that you are keeping you and your family safe and thank you once again for your patience and support during these unprecedented times.