

# The Newman Catholic Collegiate



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Chair of the Board of Directors: Dr Gillian Meller

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I hope you are all well in these difficult times. The collegiate has been working with our catering providers in order to provide Free School Meal children with food parcels, however the service has now advised us to use food vouchers in order to support the governments stay at home guidance.

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we will be issuing vouchers for children entitled to Free School Meals. The Collegiate has decided to support the Government's approach and encourage parents to stay at home.

Therefore, during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January, you will receive an email from schoolvouchers.com worth £15. This e-voucher will be available to use for that week. If you have more than one child at our school, we will send you codes worth £15 per child. The code will be sent every school week while we are in lockdown.

The School will be able to:

- order a single voucher to the value of £15 each week for every child eligible for benefits-related free school meals who is not attending school
- children with a parent who is a critical worker who are attending school entitled to free school meals will receive meals in school and will not be provided with a voucher. Where these children are only attending for a set number of days e.g., 3 days a week, then vouchers will be provided to the sum of £3.00 per day covering the other days when the child is not in school.

Once you receive the email from schoolvouchers.com you will need to choose an eGift card from a range of supermarkets:

- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- M&S

Once you have received your voucher, you will be able to redeem them in-store at the selected retailer by either:

- presenting the voucher on a smartphone or tablet
  - presenting a paper copy of the voucher
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The following is a statement from the government:

'Families are free to select the most appropriate food and drink for their child. When selecting products, we encourage families to consider health and nutrition. The School Food Standards may act as a useful guide for families.'

**The vouchers should not be redeemed for any age-restricted items, such as alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets.**

There are a number of online resources available to support families in preparing healthy and nutritious food, including on the NHS Eat Well website.'

If you have not got access to an email address or are unable to download the vouchers (to a smartphone or printer), please contact the school and they will print and post the eGift card to you.

Please do not hesitate to telephone the school office if you have any questions.

Stay home, stay safe, protect the NHS.

Please continue to remember the vulnerable in our society, all coronavirus sufferers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely

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