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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I hope you are all well in these difficult times. I know many of you will have received a £40 (per child) e-voucher from us over the last few days, this £40 also covers the Easter holidays which free school meal funding would not normally cover. To be clear the collegiate has funded more money than we should to help you all at this most difficult time. The current arrangement will end on Sunday 26th April and following the Easter holidays, we will move to the new voucher scheme that has been set up by the government.

Therefore, during the week beginning 20th April (the first week of term), we will email you with an 'eCode' worth £15 from a company called Edenred. This e-voucher will be available to use from week commencing 27th April. If you have more than one child at one of our schools, we will send you codes worth £15 per child. The code will be sent every school week we are closed. Note: the scheme does not apply during school holidays.

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
- set a weekly £15 rolling voucher
- combine funding where a family has more than one child eligible for benefits-related free school meals

Once you receive the email 'eCode' from us, 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

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 cannot be redeemed for any age-restricted items, such as alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets and I urge you to use the voucher to provide food for your child.

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 info@newmancc.co.uk or your individual school office and we 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Beardmore', written over a light grey grid background.

Mr Beardmore
Senior Executive Leader
On behalf of the Board of Directors