

The Newman Catholic Collegiate



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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I hope you are all well in these difficult times. I write to update you on the Free School Meal vouchers and thank you for your patience with the national system.

To confirm you will have received the below (per child) e-vouchers from us over the past five weeks, these also covered the Easter holidays which free school meal funding would not normally cover.

Week Beginning 23.03.2020 - £40 (per child) – initially this was to cover the Easter holidays until the national scheme was set up.

Week Beginning 13.04.2020 – £15 (per child)

Week Beginning 20.04.2020 - £15 (per child)

Every school week we are closed you will receive an 'eCode' worth £15 from a company called Edenred. These 'eCodes' are sent via email and can go into your junk/spam folder so please ensure you check these folders too. Where we do not have an email for the parent/carer the e-voucher will be sent by post. If you have more than one child at one of our schools, we will send you codes worth £15 per child.

Unfortunately, the new national voucher system is proving problematic for administrators and parents due to the amount of people trying to access the system, therefore there are delays in parents receiving their 'eCodes'. Please be assured that although the 'eCode' maybe be delayed you will still receive an e-voucher every week, but this may not be on a Monday.

The National system allows the school 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
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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

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