



Monday 18th January 2021 (updated)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further Update on the National Voucher Scheme – Edenred Vouchers

Spring Term 2021 - Week beginning the 18th January 2021

The Department for Education (DfE) has developed a national voucher scheme to ensure children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can continue to access support to cover the period between 18 January and 12 February (4 weeks).

Our records indicate that your child is eligible for benefit-related free school meals and can access the national voucher scheme. This is why you have received this email. Please ensure you that you claim your voucher every week. If your child is coming in to school during Lockdown you will still receive this voucher.

The school will issue every child eligible for benefits-related free school meals a voucher to the value of £15 each week. Please note this is benefit-related Free School Meals.

Unfortunately, due to the national demand for these vouchers there will be a delay in you receiving your voucher. The DfE have made it clear this morning, that there will be some delays.

We will begin to process the first round of vouchers from Wednesday 20th January 2021. Please note that you should now receive your first voucher via email by Monday 25th January 2021.

It may take a few days or a week for you to receive your e-voucher so please do not contact the school until Wednesday 27th January, if you have not received your first voucher.

We hope that as the Edenred voucher system improves, we can begin to process the vouchers every Monday morning, meaning that you should receive your vouchers hopefully **every Wednesday** from next week.

I can also give you a further update on vouchers for children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals for the February half term holidays. It has been confirmed that Slough Borough Council will provide £15 vouchers per child through the Winter Grant scheme during the half-term break. The school will give further information about this as we approach the half-term break. Good news!

If you have more than one child in your family, you will receive an email for each child i.e. two children means that there will be two emails. This email will be sent as an “eCode” and emailed directly to the Parent/Carer. The eCode can be used to choose an eGift card and can be redeemed from a range of supermarkets.

Further information about the scheme can be found from the following website:

https://www.edenred.co.uk/Documents/DfE/DfE_FreeSchoolMeals_ParentCarerFAQs.pdf

Please note that the school will use the first contact email address in the household.

If you have any enquiries please email the school using the following address: enquiries@claycots.com

Yours sincerely,

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