

24th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well in these challenging times.

As you are aware, schools are now approaching the Easter holidays. We wanted to let you know the support available to families over this period who would be entitled to Free School Meals. Please have a look at the food and recipes section on the [Healthy Sandwell](#) website for tips and ideas on children's lunches, shopping, cooking and reducing food waste.

Sandwell Council has made arrangements for you to receive food vouchers via a partnership with Wonde.com. These vouchers will be sent 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. If you are unable to do this, please speak to the Finance Office at St Michael's as soon as possible.

For secondary school pupils, the vouchers will have a value of £30 per child. You will receive a link to obtain an e-voucher (this will be issued on 25th March 2021 to cover the Easter break):

1. Follow the link, choose which supermarket you would like an e-voucher for, and press submit. The supermarkets available for selection are ASDA, Morrison's, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Aldi, Iceland and McColl's. 2. You will then be sent an e-voucher for your chosen supermarket. Please be aware that the timescale for this to be sent will vary by supermarket. The expected turnaround is approximately 24 hours.

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 have not, please contact the Finance Office by Monday, 29th March 2021.

Further updates around support concerning food can be found via Sandwell Council, the school website and social media. During the Easter holiday period, should you require emergency assistance from Sandwell Council, the emergency number is 0121 569 2266 and their website is https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/info/200354/coronavirus_advice

If you are finding it hard to make ends meet, free and confidential advice around benefits or budgeting is available. The council's welfare rights team can advise you and your family. Contact: welfarerights_team@sandwell.gov.uk or 0121 569 3158.

If you need advice around employment and training support, the council's advisers will be able to help. Contact: enquiries_recruitment@sandwell.gov.uk Further information and advice is also available on the [Resilient Residents](#), [Route 2 Wellbeing](#) and [Healthy Sandwell](#) websites.

Yours faithfully,



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