



Dear Parents/Carers,

### **National Free School Meal Voucher Scheme Information**

We are now in a position to be able to offer out E vouchers, or E codes for families who would like to take this offer up, instead of receiving a school packed lunch. This is a voucher to the value of £15 each week, for every child.

*Please read the information below carefully, to ensure that you are eligible to take up this offer, before contacting school to set this up.*

### **Eligibility Criteria**

- You need to be eligible for benefit related Free School Meals - this does not include the Universal Free School Meals criteria for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. (The current packed lunch system will still be available for Universal Free School Meal children). If you are unsure please contact school and we will let you know.
- Vouchers can only be made available to the adult with caring responsibilities for that child

### **Supermarkets Available**

At this moment in time, not all supermarkets will accept the vouchers, this may change over time, and we will inform you if we hear differently. Current supermarkets that will accept the vouchers are:

Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose, Marks and Spencers.

### **How the system works**

There are 2 ways in which you can get your vouchers. An e-code can be sent directly to you and you will receive instructions on how to use this code to create an e-gift card - **for this we will need your email address.**

The other system is that we can choose a supermarket for you and through our portal at school, create an e-gift card for you to redeem, which we can then post to you. **This is for families who do not have access to an email address or the internet**

**If you would prefer to continue with the current system of packed lunches, the Local Authority has informed us that they will still be providing this for us, there is no requirement to go to the voucher system, you can choose the system that best suits your needs.**

If you think that you are eligible for the voucher system and would like to take this offer up then please contact school and we will set this up. Please be mindful that it may take a few days to get this up and running for you.

Contact numbers for school are: email [info@grasmereacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@grasmereacademy.org.uk) or text 07398 887 924 or phone 0191 222 0259 (*you may have to leave a voicemail*),

