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Families in receipt of free school meals

Please ask Francesca Davies
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Our ref: Winter Support Grant
Date: 11 December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE Free School Meals Shopping Vouchers over Christmas

I am pleased to let you know that Bedford Borough Council is providing a supermarket voucher scheme to support families with purchasing food during the two holiday periods at Christmas and February half term. Families with children eligible for income related free school meals will be provided with £15 in food vouchers for each child per week, to replace the meal they would normally be served in school.

Our provider, Black Hawk, will be sending vouchers (known as Select Rewards) directly to families of children eligible to receive income related free schools meals as well as children in pre-school and nursery groups eligible for Pupil Premium or 2 year old funding.

Your voucher link will be issued by email or SMS text message and you can then choose the best food shop for your family. If you have any problems accessing the internet to download your voucher, please contact your child's school and they will be able to help you to access your voucher.

If you have any queries once you have received your vouchers, further information can be found online at <https://www.select-your-reward.co.uk/Faqs> or you can contact Black Hawk directly on 0344 693 9901.

If you are still unsure of anything or you wish to opt out of the scheme, you can contact the Council's Family Information Service on Freephone: 0800 023 2057 (24 hour answerphone service available).

Yours sincerely

Ben Pearson

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