



Dear Parent / Carer,

3rd December 2020

Winter Support Grant / Free School Meals Vouchers over Christmas holidays

The Government have announced a 'Winter Support Grant' which is funding they are providing to Local Authorities to support families who might need help with food vouchers over the Christmas and February half term breaks. We are working closely with the Local Authority to ensure that families can access this support as quickly and easily as possible.

We are writing to you as our records show that your child(ren) are eligible for free school meals and to inform you of what will happen now and what you need to do to claim your vouchers.

We will be issuing vouchers through the following platform: <https://www.schoolvouchers.com/>. The process will work as follows:

1. We will order a voucher for £30 per child that is eligible and order them on your behalf through the above website. This will cover the two weeks of the Christmas holidays based on 10 days @ £3 per day.
2. We expect to issue vouchers during the w/c 7th December. When we issue the vouchers parents will receive an email or text or both (depending on what contact details we hold on file for you).
3. Parents will need to create an account using the information in the text / email and then select which supermarket they want their voucher to be spent at.
4. Once parents have selected their preferred supermarket, we will be ready to order your vouchers which you should receive via email/text within 3 working days. When you have received your vouchers you will be able to spend them at the supermarket you chose.
5. If for whatever reason you haven't received your voucher(s) by Monday 14th December please contact the school Finance team on finance@barrowhedges.com.
6. You can read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about Sutton's scheme and more information for parents about the vouchers (e.g. how to access the vouchers and where the vouchers can be spent) at <https://help.schoolvouchers.com/hc/en-gb>.

A range of support is available for any families that need further assistance during the pandemic - please visit <https://www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19>.

Yours sincerely

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