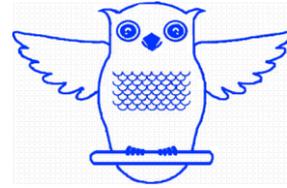


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RE: FSM Picnic Boxes or Vouchers

Monday 18th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, we have been offering Picnic Boxes to parents/carers of children who are eligible for Free School Meals. The Government have now made the decision to allow schools to provide Supermarket vouchers, if parents would prefer these. We are therefore offering either a weekly voucher OR a weekly Picnic Box to each eligible child. If your child is in school then they will continue to receive hot meals, as normal.

If you would like to continue receiving a Picnic Box then please send us an email to let us know and we can organise this for you.

If you would prefer to receive vouchers then please also email us: admin.office@merton-jun.hants.sch.uk as soon as possible (by midday on the 20th January 2021). Please include your child/ren's name/s within your email in both instances. The vouchers will start the week beginning of the 25th January 2021.

We have used Edenred previously, and plan to use this system again to process weekly vouchers. We can issue you with an online voucher, in the form of an eGift voucher, directly to your email address.

If you do not have an email address we can organise a time for you to collect the voucher from school or we can post your voucher/s to you. Please let us know, by calling and leaving a voicemail, if your current address is different to the one we hold for you.

We understand that the shops currently included within this scheme are as follows and you will have the option to choose your desired supermarket once you receive the voucher:

- Morrisons
- Tesco
- Sainsbury's
- Asda
- Waitrose
- M&S

Families are able to select the most appropriate food and drink for their child. When selecting products, we encourage families to consider health and nutrition. The vouchers should not be redeemed for any age-restricted items, such as alcohol, cigarettes or lottery tickets.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Reading
Headteacher