

8th December 2020

## Free School Meals during the Christmas Holidays

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the recent Government announcement to provide children with free school meals over the Christmas holidays Devon County Council have now put in place arrangements to provide supermarket vouchers to nearly 15,000 children across Devon who currently receive free school meals, to help their families buy groceries over the Christmas holidays.

From today, Tuesday 8 December Devon County Council will be sending a unique code per child to all families that are currently in receipt of Free School Meals. Each code can be used once on a <u>website called 'Hawk Select'</u> to redeem vouchers to the value of £30 per child (£15 per week for the two weeks of school holidays) for Sainsbury's, Tesco, Morrison's, Asda, M&S Food and Waitrose.

The <u>'Hawk Select'</u> website requires you to provide an email address for the vouchers to be sent to once you have chosen your preferred supermarket. When received, you can save the vouchers to your phone or tablet to use online (depending on the supermarket) or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively, you can print the vouchers off and give to the cashier at the checkout of your preferred supermarket.

## What should I do next?

Once you have received your unique code from Devon County Council click on the <u>Hawk Select</u> website and type in your unique code. Hawk Select website address <a href="https://www.select-your-reward.co.uk">https://www.select-your-reward.co.uk</a>

You will then be able to choose your preferred supermarket and add your vouchers to your basket.

Please then checkout of the 'Select' website by providing an email address for them to send you your chosen supermarket vouchers electronically within 24 hours. There is no option to receive physical vouchers by post.

Once you have received the vouchers to your email inbox, you can save them to your phone or tablet to use online or show at the checkout in store. Alternatively you can print the vouchers off to give to the cashier.

The code must be used to get the full amount of vouchers in one go. The vouchers are valid for three months from the date they are sent to you by Select and must be spent in full in your supermarket of choice.

Families with more than one child entitled to free school meals, will receive a unique code for each to use to get the vouchers from the Hawk Select website.

We want to ensure that all families are able to access their vouchers successfully before the Christmas break therefore please can we ask you to contact school to confirm that you have downloaded your supermarket vouchers successfully. You can do this in the usual ways:

- Message via School Gateway
- Email to admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk please put 'School Meals' in subject line
  - Phone school on 01626 20304

If you have any questions or are having any problems accessing your code or supermarket vouchers please let us know as soon as possible and one of our office team will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely,

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