

Where Pupils Achieve and Excel

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Staffordshire County Council, through funding from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), will be providing each individual eligible child a one off and final eVoucher payment for £30.00. As children have now returned to full time education and the new education year has commenced, families have faced additional financial pressures purchasing the resources and new uniforms as required.

To be eligible the child must meet the criteria listed below and attend a Staffordshire education setting:

- In receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals during the autumn term 2021
- In receipt of Universal Infant Free School Meals but will be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals in the autumn term 2021
- Children receiving Think2 or Early Years Pupil Premium funding in the autumn term 2021

Before the end of this term, you will receive a link directly from school, once you click on the link you will be able to select an eVoucher from a supermarket of your choice. You will be able choose from Aldi, ASDA, Morrisons, Tesco, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencer or Waitrose. Your eVoucher bar code will then be displayed on-screen and can be downloaded. If you do not have access to a phone or email, the education setting will be able to collect your eVoucher on your behalf by accessing your child/s link.

Once you receive your eVoucher link from your education setting, if you have any problems using it, you should contact Voucher Express Digital Services Customer Services Team on: queries@vexrewards.com or 0371 384 9971. The Customer Services Team will only be able to help you if you have received your eVoucher.

Please note as previously stated eVoucher support will no longer be provided out of term time, this is also the final time that eVoucher support will be offered to eligible children utilising the COVID Local Support Fund. If you are struggling to feed your child during the holidays, please find details of the local support you can access.

- Staffordshire County Council Entitled To Benefits calculator <u>Entitled To Benefit</u> calculator Staffordshire County Council
- The Trussell Trust Find a Food Bank Find a Food Bank The Trussell Trust
- Staffordshire Connects website to help you find help and support within your local community Staffordshire Connects

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• Your local Family Hubs links below to your local page:

Cannock Chase Family Hub

East Staffordshire Family Hub

Lichfield Family Hub

Newcastle Family Hub

South Staffordshire Family Hub

Stafford Family Hub

Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub

Tamworth Family Hub

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Price Headteacher