Free School Meals

Dear families,

Since the forced closure of the academy on Friday 20th March, we have been working with various partners to make sure that all students who are in receipt of Free Schools meals receive their entitlement. This has involved CityServe (our caterers) who provided lunches in the weeks prior to Easter followed by a two week £15 eVoucher scheme developed by Birmingham City Council during the Easter break.

**From Monday 20th April the Academy will use the Department for Education’s National Free School Meal Scheme.**

The Department for Education has developed a national scheme that will provide supermarket eGift cards. Student’s will receive a weekly email from the academy, for at least the next four weeks, which will contain a 16 digit eCode allowing the purchase of food to the value of £15 per week. These can be redeemed from a number of supermarkets as detailed in the enclosed Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

The eGift card email will contain a link to a bar code which needs to be presented at the till on a devise screen or printed on a piece of paper prior to your visit.

**All information relating to the Department for Education Free School Meal scheme is posted on our website.**

The academy will email students directly on their academy email address. Other email address requests will not be accepted.

I hope that the current situation improves quickly so that we can feel more secure and return to some normality. If it becomes necessary for me to extend the scheme, if we do not return as hoped, I will write again to update you.

**Stay safe and please follow the government instruction of staying home, protecting our NHS and saving lives.**
Should you require any assistance with this process please contact the Academy via fsm@georgedixonacademy.com

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Hamilton
Headmaster

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