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Dear Parents and Carers

Re. Free School Meal Vouchers for the EASTER HOLIDAYS ONLY

The provision of Free School Meals, to all those entitled, has changed with effect from Monday 30th March 2020. **The following information will help you to get the vouchers you need for the EASTER HOLIDAYS ONLY – these are provided by Birmingham City Council for the holidays only.** The vouchers for term time will be sent to you directly using the email address we have asked you to supply.

You MUST complete the form requesting your email address. The link to the form was sent to you today. We need your email address so that the Department for Education can continue to email you voucher codes for this week and for the following weeks after the Easter holidays until we return to school.

Each parent or carer that is entitled to claim a Free School Meal will receive a text that will include their own personal **Supermarket eVoucher Cheque Code**. This will give entitlement to £15 that can be spent on provisions for your child.

Here are some easy steps to follow to help you to redeem your voucher:

1. Receive your **Supermarket eVoucher Cheque Code** via text from school. This will provide you with a 'Cheque number' and a 'validation code'.
2. Redeem your £15 voucher at www.vouchershopexchange.co.uk – the page you will get to looks like this:



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'https://www.vouchershopexchange.co.uk'. The page header features the 'Vouchershop' logo and the tagline 'Your one stop shop for voucher rewards'. The main content area is titled 'Please enter the Cheque details' and contains two input fields: 'Cheque number' and 'Validation code'. Below these fields is a blue 'Continue' button. At the bottom of the form, there is an 'Important Message(s)' section with a light blue box containing the text: 'Problems logging in or wish to track an order? 0845 88 00 105 enquiries@thevouchershop.co.uk'.

3. Select which supermarket you want to use your voucher in – you can choose from Tesco's, Sainsbury's, Asda, Waitrose, Marks & Spencer or Morrisons.
4. Receive your supermarket eVoucher **via email**.
5. Visit the supermarket you chose and take your eVoucher. You can present your eVoucher on your phone or printed out.

Please be aware that you have to spend your full cheque value at once, and there are restrictions on what you can spend the eVoucher on alcohol, tobacco, lottery tickets or fuel.

Funds must be spent on essential supplies for children's free school meal purposes.

If you have any difficulty with the process, and require support from school, please contact us and we will do our best to help you out: enquiry@thornton.bham.sch.uk

We hope the eVoucher system works well for you and supports you in purchasing the essential things you need for your child during this particularly challenging time.

Please also keep an eye on the school website www.thornton.bham.sch.uk as we are updating it daily and will be adding home learning work for the children on special new pages under the 'children' tab from Monday 20th April 2020. The use of BGfL is currently withdrawn due to technical difficulties we are experiencing.

We hope you are staying safe and taking care of yourself and your loved ones.

Kindest regards

Mrs Cathy Grace
Deputy Headteacher