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Dear Families

We hope that you are keeping well and coping with the implications of the ongoing restrictions. Please know that the staff of Friars and St Peters continue to hold your families in our thoughts.

### **FSM vouchers:**

The national voucher scheme in place for children who are eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) with Edenred, although beset with problems initially, has settled down and most parents have been able to redeem the vouchers they have been sent. Please see the instructions for downloading the vouchers below.

## **2. How do I use my eCode to select a supermarket eGift card?**

You should order your supermarket eGift at home before going to the store.

To select your supermarket eGift card, follow the steps below:

1. Copy eCode from your email or text message
2. Go to [www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk)
3. Enter the 16 digit eCode (you can enter more than one eCode if you have more than one to redeem)
4. Select a supermarket
5. Enter the amount and add to basket
6. Checkout and enter the email address you would like the eGift card sent to
7. Your eGift card will be processed and sent (please allow up to 24 hours for it to be delivered to your inbox).

We continue to have queries from parents about whether they can have vouchers. To be eligible for FSM you need to be receiving one of the following benefits:

1. Child tax credit with no Working Tax Credit and where the household income is less than £16,190
2. Income support
3. Income based Job seeker's allowance
4. Income based Employment Support Allowance
5. Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
6. Guarantee element of state pension credit
7. Universal credit

If you are in receipt of any of the above benefits and you require FSM vouchers you will need to send the following to the office email address at the relevant school:

- Child name
- Child date of birth
- Child postal address
- Parent name (the official name that is used on any benefit correspondence)
- Parent date of birth

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- Parent National Insurance (NI) number
- Parent email address and phone number

If we have the above information Southwark council will be able to check eligibility. If you are eligible you will receive combined household vouchers (i.e. if you have three children you will receive one voucher that covers all three children) backdated to the beginning of April.

#### **Home learning:**

We are now at the end of the third week using Google classroom and we are all feeling a lot more confident with it based on the amount of work being turned in every day. There have been some fantastic efforts sent in from children at both schools so well done all! Please can parents remember not to become anxious if assignments are turned in late or missed. We are all very aware of the pressures everyone is under and so we want to reassure you that whatever your children can do is appreciated. However, we do ask that all children think before they make any comments on class streams. Teachers moderate all comments and will delete anything they deem inappropriate.

We also know that there are a number of parents who do not have access to technology. At Friars we have lent out some spare ipads and we have reserved a small amount for further use if parents are eligible for FSM and don't have any devices other than smart phones (please note you will need a Wi-Fi network though). At St Peters the staff have been hard at work producing lots of paper based home learning packs and delivering them too.

Please note that as this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> May) is a bank holiday and we will not be setting any work.

#### **Reopening of schools:**

The Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, made it clear last week that when schools do eventually reopen it will be in a phased manner. A date for the reopening of schools has yet to be announced by the government but we are expecting some clarity as a result of the prime minister's announcements this Sunday. Please be assured that we will be guided by official advice and will not make any decisions that put children, staff or parents at any risk. We will also endeavour to get St Peters reopened as soon as we are able and for both schools to be operating separately rather than as one.

#### **Office opening hours and contact details for parental enquiries:**

Friars: 9am-3pm Monday to Friday on 020 7207 1807 and/or [office@friars.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@friars.southwark.sch.uk)

St Peters: 9am – 3pm, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and/or [office@st-peterswalwaorth.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-peterswalwaorth.southwark.sch.uk)

We hope you remain safe and well and that you have a relaxing bank holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

J. Burt



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