

## **Longmeadow Primary School**

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Dear Families,

## **RE: Free School Meals/Supermarket Vouchers**

Hertfordshire County Council will be providing supermarket vouchers for each child entitled to benefit related free school meals to cover the October 2022 half term holiday. Entitled families will receive a digital supermarket voucher to the value of £15 to cover the 5 days of October half term.

Families can choose to receive a digital voucher to spend at one of the following supermarkets:

- ALDI
- Asda
- Marks and Spencer
- McColl's
- Morrisons
- Sainsbury's
- Tesco
- Waitrose

Please note that the voucher works like a gift card and doesn't have to be spent all in one go. During term time, every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2 is entitled to receive a free school meal through the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme, however this is not covered as part of the holiday scheme. Only those infant aged children that are eligible because of benefit-related criteria will be included.

If you believe you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply at <a href="www.hertfordshire.gov.uk">www.hertfordshire.gov.uk</a>. If you would like us to apply on your behalf we just need your name, date of birth and national insurance number. Should you need any other information or help with your application please call to speak to the office.

If you do not meet the criteria for free school meals but need some support to buy food or pay household bills, help is available. Contact HertsHelp for advice and practical support – call 0300 123 4044, email <a href="mailto:info@hertshelp.net">info@hertshelp.net</a> or visit <a href="https://www.hertshelp.net">www.hertshelp.net</a>.

You can also find further information around support at <u>Hertfordshire County Council</u> | <u>Help to manage the cost of living.</u>

Kind regards

Mr Toby Mills-Bishop **Executive Headteacher**