

2nd April 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meals – National Voucher scheme

Following the launch of the government's national voucher scheme for free school meals, there will be three ways in which you can choose to receive free school meal support from the school, **starting from Tuesday, 14th April**. A form has been e-mailed, to all Tretherras families in receipt of Free School Meals, for completion and return by **12 noon Friday 3rd April 2020**. Choices to receive a voucher are as follows:

- A. An eGift card:** An 'eCode' will be sent by email to the parent or carer of the pupil(s) eligible for free school meals. This code is required to access www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk and choose a supermarket eGift card.

The eCode cannot be used directly with the retailer, it must be exchanged for an eGift card. The eGift card will be sent to a nominated email address (this may take up to 3 hours to be delivered). This can be printed or presented on a smartphone.

Please see attached FAQ information regarding the national eGift card approach.

- B. A physical eGift card:** If you are unable to access an 'eCode' from home, the school can select your eGift card for you and either print it and post it to you, or arrange for you to collect it.

The card/printed voucher can be taken to the shop to redeem against the cost of food purchased.

- C. A care package of food provided by Newquay Tretherras:** As provided over the past few weeks a free school meal offer, either food care packages or a daily meal has been provided at Newquay Tretherras. As a parent or carer of the pupil(s) eligible for free school meals you can still elect to have this service provided by Newquay Tretherras.

In order for the school to arrange the free school meal service that you would prefer, please indicate on the form that has been emailed to you which option you would like. It is important that you must return the form by: 12 noon on Friday 3rd April 2020.

Please be aware the **national** free school meal vouchers do **not** apply during school holiday periods, however, Cornwall Education Learning Trust (CELT) has elected to support our free school meal families during the Easter holiday period. You must indicate, Yes or No, whether you wish your child to have a free meal offer during the Easter break on the form that has been e-mailed to our Free School Meal families. CELT will be unable to offer free school meal options over any further school holidays e.g. May half-term break.

Note: we cannot guarantee a free school meal service will continue to be provided to your child unless you advise us of your preferred option via the form that has been e-mailed to you.

If you have any queries regarding this offer please contact Newquay Tretherras on 01637 872080 between the hours of 8am – 3pm, Monday to Friday, or by emailing secretary@tretherras.net

Please be assured that I, along with all the staff at Tretherras, are thinking of you at this very difficult time. The important thing is to keep you and your family safe. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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