

1<sup>st</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **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](http://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 the school**

As provided over the past few weeks a selection of food can be supplied by the catering company that services your school. As a parent or carer of the pupil(s) eligible for free school meals you can collect this from Poltair School school at a pre-defined time on a fortnightly basis.

**In order for the school to arrange the free school meal service that you would prefer, please indicate which option you would like on the form below by **12 noon on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.****

<https://forms.gle/gdrHNhRGTKquQc5u6>

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. A two-week (10 school day) food care package was made available to all parents on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March for this purpose. 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 you child unless you advise us of your preferred option.**

If you have any queries regarding this offer please contact: [secretary@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@poltair.cornwall.sch.uk)

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Truan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr R Truan  
Assistant Headteacher