



"Every child deserves to be the best they can be"

Our ref. SCa.EC 10th November, 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

Stoke-on-Trent City Council recognises that life is harder for families facing increased pressure on household budgets due to COVID-19. This winter the Council has received grant funding from the Government Department of Work and Pensions to provide support to families with children, other vulnerable households and individuals from early December 2020 until the end of March 2021.

As part of this programme of support the Council are providing vouchers for families of children attending schools and academies in the city who have free school meals, families with children who have an Education and Health Care Plan in place or families who have been identified as requiring this support.

Each eligible child in the family will receive a voucher for £35 for the Christmas break.

If you are eligible, before the end of term, you will receive a link directly from Schoolvouchers.com and you will be able to select an eVoucher from a supermarket on the list. You will be able choose from Aldi, Asda, Iceland, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Tesco and Waitrose. The eVoucher code will be displayed on-screen and can be downloaded.

If you do not have access to a phone or email, our academy will be able to download your eVoucher and provide you with a printed copy. You can find more information about downloading the vouchers online in the parent FAQs here: <u>https://help.schoolvouchers.com/hc/en-gb</u>

Please contact our academy by calling 01782 234550 by no later than 4.00pm on MONDAY 14th December if you require assistance with downloading your voucher or require a printed voucher.

If you would like further information about the Winter Grant funding or you and your family are experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 you can contact the Council for advice on where to get help on 01782 234234.

If you have a pre-payment meter and would have difficulty affording your gas/electricity this winter, please contact our partners Beat the Cold on 01782 914915, and letting them know you are being supported by the Council.

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Carrigan Academy Principal

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