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Dear Parents and Carers

Hertfordshire County Council will be providing supermarket vouchers for each child entitled to benefit related free school meals to cover the Easter holiday period. Entitled families will receive a digital supermarket voucher to the value of £30, which you must redeem within 3 months (the expiry date will be included in the email that you receive from noreply@edenred.co.uk).

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 so doesn't have to be spent all in one go.

In the previous letter we announced we would not be continuing the funding for these vouchers and so the scheme would end on 31st March 2024. Following the announcement from the Chancellor in the March Budget of an extension to the Household Support Fund, we are giving a £30 voucher for Easter, any further vouchers will be dependent on the guidance from the Department of Work and Pensions.

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 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 info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net. You can also find further information around support at Hertfordshire County Council | Help to manage the cost of living.

Yours sincerely

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