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Dear parent/carer

Vouchers for families in receipt of free school meals over February half term

As part of the additional help and support to households during the winter phase of Covid-19, Solihull Council will be providing food support to families of children in receipt of free school meals over February half term, through the provision of supermarket e-gift cards. The eligibility is based on means tested income grounds, not the universal free meal for KS1 pupils.

If you meet the free school meals benefits criteria, you will receive an e-code via email that you will convert into an e-gift card for your chosen supermarket to the value of £20.00 for the February half term period, per child. This is an increase from the £15 per week provision for the Christmas period, as an appreciation of the additional costs and bills families face during this cold period and after Christmas. The e-gift cards will be supplied by Edenred and can be used to pay for food, personal hygiene and cleaning products, as well as other household essentials. They can't be used for items which are restricted to over 18s, such as alcohol.

You will receive the e-code via email from **Edenred** by 12 February 2021.

Click here to find out how to obtain and use the voucher [here](#).

If you have any queries, in the first instance please visit www.solihull.gov.uk/fsm or call **Solihull Connect general enquiries on 0121 704 8001**.

Stay healthy and stay safe

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