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Face Coverings

Following the government's announcement on Saturday night, regarding the return to mandatory face coverings in shops and on public transport, schools have also been issued with updated guidance for all adults to return to wearing face coverings in communal areas inside the building. This means that staff will be wearing face coverings again inside and that all visitors and parents who enter the building will be required to wear one also, unless exempt. Please note that there is *no* requirement for children of primary school age to wear a face covering. Thank you for your cooperation at this time.

Food Vouchers for the Christmas Holidays

Sheffield City Council plans to provide food vouchers for 30,000 children and young people across the city for the Christmas holiday. The Government has provided a Household Support Grant to assist with food and energy costs over the winter period. Sheffield City Council recognises that many families continue to face financial difficulties because of the pandemic and changes to Universal Credit, and we know that Christmas is a particularly difficult time for families, with extra costs for food and energy.

A £50 food voucher will be sent to the following groups to help over the Christmas holiday:

- Families who claim income based Free School Meals
- Families who get income assessed Early Years Support (2-4 Year Olds)

The Council aim to have the voucher letters sent out by second class post, and parents will receive them **w/c Monday 6th December**. The letter will include the website link for Edenred and clear instructions on how to download the voucher.

Please note you need to activate your code within 3 months, or it will be cancelled. Once you have claimed your voucher on the Edenred website, your voucher will be valid for 12 months. If you have difficulty accessing the Edenred website or don't have access to a computer, you can contact us for help in the first instance. If you have attempted to redeem your code and it hasn't arrived, you can contact Edenred at freeschoolmealsparentscarers@edenred.com or telephone 0333 400 5932. You can also contact the Sheffield City Council Helpline on 0114 2734567, option 4, then option 3.

Best Wishes,

Mr John Sitch
Headteacher