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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Government has announced a new winter support scheme, designed to directly help families and individuals who have been hit hardest by the pandemic. The majority of the funding is set aside to ensure children are fed over winter.

The grant has been provided to Westfield Primary School to distribute to families who need it most. Westfield Primary School, in discussion with schools and partners, has agreed to use the funding to provide all families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) with supermarket food vouchers over the Christmas holiday period.

The vouchers cover the period of two weeks from Monday 21st December 2020 – 4th January 2021 and will be £15 per week per child.

The vouchers provided can be used in Asda, Morrisons, Aldi, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Iceland, Waitrose or McColl's and should only be used to buy food and other essential items.

To enable the vouchers to be sent out electronically, the Council has appointed a third-party provider, Wonde, to distribute the vouchers, and the school has been asked to provide your contact details so that vouchers can be sent to you by email by **Friday 18th December 2020.**

The school will provide the following information to the third-party provider: parent's first and last names, email address and phone number.

If you have changed your mobile phone number or email address please update your contact details by contacting the school office.

If your contact details are not correct, then the vouchers may not reach you in time for Christmas or an appropriate supermarket may be selected on your behalf.

Should you have any queries relating to the above, please contact Mrs Shepherd <u>sec.westfield@halton.gov.uk</u> 01928 572343

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