

31 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carer/Child

I hope that you have now received your text from Wonde to select your preferred supermarket and this is helping to provide an alternative to the Free School Meals that we would ordinarily provide at Outwood Academy Bydales.

In addition to providing this for the weeks that school would ordinarily be open, I'm pleased to say that, as a one off, we have made the decision to also provide these vouchers for the two-week Easter holiday. I anticipate that this will be at our own cost, but it is important to us that we do everything we can to support you in this difficult time. I hope this will help you in adjusting to the dramatic measures needed to fight Covid-19.

We are looking out for announcements from the Government regarding the National Voucher Scheme, confirmation of any increase in the daily rate and plans for any future school holidays. I will update you on this and any changes that it brings as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and I hope the arrangements detailed above are useful to you. If you need any further support during the period when the Academy is closed, the following services are available via Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/coronavirus/Pages/Children-and-Families-Services.aspx> and specifically for Free School Meal advice <https://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/resident/schools-and-learning/advice/Pages/Free-School-Meals.aspx>

You can also contact the family hub teams on the following numbers: **Redcar** area – 07970371685, **East Cleveland** area – 07966232823 **Greater Eston** area – 07500606851.

Yours faithfully



Seana Rice
Principal