Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware, school **sites are now closed** to the majority of children and staff and they are operating only as emergency childcare centres for those key children identified by the Government.

In line with Government guidance, Knowsley Council has worked with the school to be able to **support you to provide meals for your child** during these difficult times. Thank you for your patience whilst we have worked to resolve this matter.

If your child **currently receives** <u>means tested free school meals</u> (not Universal Free School Meals eligible to Reception to Year 2 children) <u>and is not attending school during</u> <u>this period of time</u>, Knowsley Council has made arrangements for you to receive **food vouchers** via a partnership with Wonde.com. This will replace the previous arrangement of collecting a packed lunch.

**These vouchers will be sent once a fortnight, in the first instance via TEXT or EMAIL to your mobile phone.** Knowsley Council will fund this service until a Central Government scheme is up and running. For Primary School Pupils the voucher will have a value of  $\pounds$ 32.20 and for Secondary School Pupils the voucher will have a value of  $\pounds$ 32.90.

You will shortly receive a text message from Wonde to confirm which supermarket you would like to use your voucher in. The supermarkets currently available are ASDA, Tesco, Sainsbury's and Morrison's (however Wonde are adding more in the near future). Apologies we have no influence over supermarkets that can be used. We have made the LA aware that within the Kirkby Community there are limited supermarket accessible

Please contact the school via email: <u>kirkbyce@knowsley.gov.uk</u> or telephone: 07395763866 **by 6pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** if:

- 1. You have any questions about the message that you receive from Wonde OR
- 2. Your child is eligible for <u>means tested</u> Free School Meals but you have not received a text from Wonde. It may be that your contact details are not up to date with school

Further updates about the scheme will be provided shortly both via Knowsley News (www.knowsleynews.co.uk), the school website and social media.

We hope that you are keeping you and your family safe and thank you once again for your patience and support.

Kind regards,

Mair Hindmarsh