

13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Reconnect Card

Kent County Council (KCC) is committed to helping children and young people Reconnect to different aspects of their lives as we move out of Covid restrictions, for example their health and happiness, learning, enjoying activities with friends and family.

KCC is keen that wherever possible, providers enable children receiving free school meals (FSM) access to opportunities either free or at a reduced price. To support this KCC is issuing an electronic Reconnect Voucher which families can use to access these offers.

During this year you have been receiving supermarket vouchers during the holidays to help you meet the costs of buying food. The company which sends these to you, Wonde, will also send you the electronic Reconnect Voucher. Currently the Voucher can be used to:

- Access free holiday and food clubs running across Kent, which provide at least 4 hours a day of activities, 4 days a week. Children on FSM can attend these for 4 weeks during the summer. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mrs Hardcastle before the end of term.
- To buy a discounted leisure centre pass for your child. Most public leisure centres have agreed to offer a 6-week summer membership to children and young people for £25, but you can use the Reconnect Voucher to buy this for £10 per child.

The Reconnect Card is important if you want to take up either of these offers. During the course of the next year, it is likely further discounts will be made available using the card, so please keep it safe. KCC is currently putting together a parent/carer leaflet with all Reconnect opportunities available and how to access these, including the two above, which will be sent out to you next week.

Meanwhile, don't forget that we have FEAST on our doorstep. Please see [www.feast.org.uk](http://www.feast.org.uk) for details of FEAST Fresh community larders and FEAST lunches which are available this summer.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Vicki Lonie

Headteacher