

Dear parent/caregiver,

Your child(ren)'s school is participating in the School Meals Programme. This programme has been launched to ensure that our pupils have enough to eat when going to school. After all, a full belly improves their learning capacity. Currently, many parents/caregivers can use some extra help. Therefore, this message is for all parents/caregivers at our school. More about the programme: <https://schoolmaaltijden.nl/boodschappenkaart/>

Could you use a little extra to provide your child(ren) with all they need? Through [this link](#) you can register to receive a grocery card. You can also register by scanning the QR-code below. We usually respond within two weeks. This is how it works: <https://schoolmaaltijden.nl/aanmelden/>.



**Do you have children attending different schools? Register your children at the different schools they go to.**

#### **Who will know of my registration?**

The Red Cross receives your registration. The school only checks whether your child(ren) attend(s) our school. Besides the person checking this, no one will know that you registered for the grocery card, including your child(ren)'s classmates. The answers you give on the application form are not shared with anyone else.

#### **The grocery card**

You will receive the grocery card when all the information is approved and you meet the requirements. The card, which is valid until the end of the year, can be used to buy extra food. The grocery card works like a normal payment card and can be used in (almost) all supermarkets in the Netherlands, and also in market stalls and other stores selling food.

If you receive social welfare benefits (“bijstandsuitkering”), you can check with the municipality the maximum amount of gifts you can receive to ensure that you will not exceed this. We are looking for ways to make this programme an exception to the applicable rules and will keep you up to date via the website.

#### **Do you need help with filling out the registration form?**

If you have questions or need help, please visit the website [www.schoolmaaltijden.nl](http://www.schoolmaaltijden.nl). You can also contact the Red Cross Customer Service by telephone, text message or Whatsapp at 097 010 204 851 (open Mon-Fri 09.00-17.00) or by email at [info@schoolmaaltijden.nl](mailto:info@schoolmaaltijden.nl).

Best regards, your school and the Red Cross/School Meals Programme