Shop for St George's Supermarket Voucher Scheme
FAQs

What is the voucher scheme?
The voucher scheme was set up over 10 years ago by Dr Challoners High School and we are one of 10 lucky schools to be included in the scheme. Participants transfer their money to the St. George's PTA voucher scheme which is then loaded onto their very own reloadable gift card to be spent in their chosen shop; Tesco, Sainsburys, M&S, Waitrose and John Lewis. In exchange, each of these shops gives the school either £4 per £100 spent. If every family in school spent £100 a month in their chosen shop/s we could raise £8640 a year! As this is going to be such a challenging year to fundraise in, please do consider signing up to the Voucher Scheme if you haven't already. You don't lose any money, instead you help raise money for the school to be spent on vital resources and experiences to enhance your child's learning.

Is the Voucher scheme for me?

- Do you shop in store at Tesco or Sainsburys weekly, monthly or occasionally?
- Do you shop in store OR online at M&S, Waitrose or John Lewis weekly, monthly or occasionally?
- Do you ever buy giftcards from Waitrose, John Lewis, M&S, Sainsburys and Tesco as gifts for birthdays, Christmas Presents etc?

If yes to any of the above, then YES it is for you!

What's in it for me?
Knowing that you are helping raise money for your child and school community, providing extra, wonderful resources and experiences for them all, that the school budget just doesn't cover. PLUS, every month you take part in the scheme, your name is put into a hat to possibly win a £50 John Lewis voucher in July 2021.

Do the voucher scheme giftcards look different to a giftcard bought instore at M&S, Waitrose or John Lewis?
No, exactly the same. So, if you're buying it as a gift, the recipient will never know that it was bought through the voucher scheme.

Which supermarkets/shops are included?
Tesco, Sainsburys, M&S, Waitrose and John Lewis

Why is it only M&S, Waitrose, John Lewis and Tesco Wine that accept the voucher scheme giftcards online?
Unfortunately, this isn't available in Tesco and Sainsburys due to the huge investment in IT required by the stores to do this.

Is it hard to set up?
No follow our 4 simple steps and you can set up your one off or monthly reloaded giftcard/s in 5 minutes.

If I have signed up for the Voucher scheme monthly do I receive a new card each month or will it be reloaded?

Your card will be reloaded monthly by the 8th of each month. Please keep your card somewhere safe (and don't let the person at the till throw it away either!) as your money will be reloaded onto it remotely by the team next month.

What if I lose or have my Voucher Scheme giftcard stolen?
Don't worry, just email Pennie and Lindsay at stgeorgesvoucherscheme@gmail.com to let them know and they can disable that card and issue you with a new one.

Does the school have my bank details?
No, as you transferred money over or set up the standing order we don't see your bank account details, we don't hold any personal information we just have your email address from when you sent the order. Your email is not shared with the scheme administrators or the supermarkets.

Is there a minimum amount allowed to be loaded on a giftcard?
Yes, £20

Can I set up lots of different giftcards?
Yes, you can set up as many as you like as long as the minimum on each card is £20 and explain to Pennie and Lindsay at stgeorgesvoucherscheme@gmail.com how you want your money to be split out across which cards. I.e.

3 x £40 John Lewis
1 x £100 Tesco
2 x £25 Sainsburys

Can I change the amount I'd like loaded onto my monthly reloadable Giftcard?
Yes! Just send an email to stgeorgesvoucherscheme@gmail.com letting them know what the amount you want to change it to, then update your standing order both by the 1st of each month.

Why does it take 7-8 days for my money to be loaded onto the voucher scheme giftcard?
Like the PTA, this scheme is run by busy parents giving up their spare time to help their school communities. The participants money needs to be verified then moved from our St. George's PTA voucher bank account to the main Voucher Scheme bank account, verified again then sent to each of the supermarkets to purchase / reload the giftcards. On average across the 10 schools there are over £100,000 transactions a month for them to process.

I only want to put a small amount on a giftcard, is it still worth it?
Yes! As long as it's over £20, it is definitely worth it. It all helps.

I'm planning to buy a big purchase item from John Lewis (sofa, carpets, electricals etc), can I do a one of giftcard?
Yes please! Contact Pennie and Lindsay at stgeorgesvoucherscheme@gmail.com to discuss details. John Lewis e cards (via email) can be turned around in 48 hours (just not during holiday periods!)

Who can sign up?

Anyone! Parents, carers, teachers, TA's, governors, aunties, uncles, grandparents can all sign up and they don't need to live in Amersham. As long as you can get their reloadable gift card or one-off gift cards to them, anyone can sign up.

It's not for me after all, can I cancel my order?
Yes, as long as you do the following by the 1st of the next month:

1. email stgeorgesvoucherscheme@gmail.com to say you don't want to go ahead with the next month's order and want to cancel
2. Stop your standing order before your money comes out on 1st of the month.

I want to sign up, is there a deadline?
Yes, your email to stgeorgesvoucherscheme@gmail.com and your money transfer or standing order both need to have been done by the **1st of the month.**

I want to buy some Giftcards to use as Christmas gifts, when should I order them?
Ideally by 1st November for you to receive by 8th November or order by 1st December to receive them by 8th December.