

4th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We know that times are still hard for many families and individuals. The Government's "Covid Winter Grant Scheme" was announced in December 2020 to help those most in need during the winter months and extended in February 2021 to include the upcoming May half-term holiday week.

We are writing to let you know that you can apply for support from City of Wolverhampton Council to help with the costs of buying food for your child/ren during the May half-term holiday week (31 May- 6 June 2021 inclusive).

As during previous school holiday periods, to receive this support during the May half-term holiday week **parents will need to apply online and meet the extended eligibility criteria.**

This support will be provided as a **food parcel**, containing a selection of healthy snacks and lunch items, for home delivery (or collection from a central location where possible).

Your child **does not** need to be registered for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) to be able to receive this support, **but you will need to apply** and meet the extended eligibility criteria to receive this support.

You must apply online at <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/may-grant> **between 4 and 11 May 2021** if you are:

- eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) not Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)*; or
- entitled to Working Tax Credit with annual income less than £16,190; or
- receiving Universal Credit with take-home pay less than £1,233.33 a month; or
- waiting for your first Universal Credit payment

If you would like to apply for support but don't meet these requirements, please contact the school via freeschoolmeals@kingswolverhampton.co.uk or 01902 558333 to discuss your circumstances in confidence.

*UIFSM are free meals provided to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, regardless of their family circumstances. They are only available to children who are attending school.

Help with your application

- Please **only apply once** – when your application has been submitted you will see a message on the screen and receive an email to confirm your application has been submitted
- If you **don't have access to the internet, or don't have an email address** please
 - Let us know – we can help you to complete your application
 - Or, call the Stay Safe, Be Kind Helpline on 01902 290241 from Tuesday 4th May. If you call before Tuesday 4th May, they will not be able to help you with your application.
- The deadline to apply is **Tuesday 11th May**. If you do not apply before this date, you will not be able to receive support during the May half-term break, even if your child is eligible to receive support during term-time.

If your application is successful

- If your application is successful, you will receive a second email by 21 May, 2021.
- This email will include all the information about your food parcel (for delivery or collection from a central point from 29 May onwards).
- If you think that you should have received a second email but you haven't by 21 May, please first check your 'junk/spam' email, then call 01902 290241 or email freeschoolmeals@wolverhampton.gov.uk **after** Friday 21 May 2021. You will need to provide a copy of the confirmation email you received when you completed your online application.

If your application is **not** successful, or you need urgent help in the meantime, please call 01902 290241 or visit the Council's Stay Safe Be Kind website (www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/staysafebekind) for information about other support that might be available to you.

The Stay Safe, Be Kind helpline is open during office hours (Mondays to Fridays only). City of Wolverhampton Council will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 31 May 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday 1 June 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lingard (freeschoolmeals@kingswolverhampton.co.uk or phone 01902 558333) if there is any way in which we can support you further.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss J. Langley

Interim Principal

