

Free School Meal INFORMATION FOR PARENTS from Warwickshire CC.

Summer holiday period

For the summer holiday this year, the government will be providing summer food vouchers for children in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals. Families who received the universal FSM offer (for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) are not entitled to the summer food scheme vouchers.

Schools will have to order the vouchers for the children in receipt of benefits related FSM before the 10th July. If you think you are entitled to benefits related FSMs but have not yet claimed because you receive the universal offer of a FSM then you may wish to apply for FSM straight away to qualify for the summer food vouchers.

You can apply for Free School Meals at any time online through the [Parent Portal](#) or call Customer Service Centre: on 01926 359189 (Mon – Thu: 9am – 5pm, Fri: 9am – 4:30pm).

If you have had a change in financial circumstances during the summer period, you may also wish to apply for benefits related FSM.

Schools have to order the summer food vouchers by the 10th July but in exceptional circumstances they can order vouchers right up until the end of term.

This will also increase funding for your child's school for further support for your child throughout the school year, so it is beneficial to both your child and their school. This further financial support for your child in school continues for the next six years even if during that time your eligibility for benefits related FSMs ends.

In addition, families in receipt of benefits related FSMs, even in non COVID times, can normally apply for financial support during holiday periods from their local Welfare Scheme to provide food for their eligible children. Families in receipt of universal FSMs are not able to do this.

For the summer food scheme this year, the Government do not expect families who are in receipt of the summer food vouchers to also be accessing the local welfare scheme for those eligible FSM children. However, if you still find you are in financial difficulty, then the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme may be able to help, please call on 0800 4081448 and speak with one of the advisors.
Tel: 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182 or by emailing warwickshirelocalwelfarescheme@warwickshire.gov.uk

The Summer Voucher Scheme

1. Vouchers will be worth £90 per child covering the 6-week summer holiday.
2. Schools will provide the government funded Edenred voucher scheme, in the majority of cases. However, where there aren't supermarkets easily accessible for families in more rural locations, then schools may provide vouchers for local supermarkets. Find out from your school what they are offering.
3. Families may become eligible for benefits related FSMs after the 10th July.
 - If you become eligible before the schools break up for the summer, the school can make an exceptional order to the Edenred voucher scheme for your summer food voucher.
 - If your financial circumstances change during the summer break then you can apply for FSMs at any time online through the [Parent Portal](#) or call Customer Service Centre: on 01926 359189 (Mon – Thu: 9am – 5pm, Fri: 9am – 4:30pm).
 - Although you will be too late for the government funded summer food voucher scheme, if you are in financial difficulty you may contact the Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme telephone: 0800 4081448 webpage: [Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme](#)
 - For further support you can also contact the Family Information Service (Telephone: Family Information Service - 01926 742274; email Family Information Service: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk; webpage : <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>)