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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know that children and young people in Reception to Year 11 inclusive entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) are being offered support during the May 2022 half-term holiday week (30 May to 5 June 2022).

Eligible children will be able to collect a free food parcel, funded through the City of Wolverhampton Council's Household Support Fund.

To access this support, your child must be in Reception to Year 11 inclusive, attending a qualifying Wolverhampton school or Academy and have a current / protected benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) in place.

**You will need to register your interest online at [www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/May](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/May) between Friday 6 and Sunday 15 May 2022 inclusive**, if your child is attending a qualifying setting in Wolverhampton and:

- your child has a current / protected FSM claim in place; or
- you meet the statutory eligibility criteria for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM), not Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

**If you don't meet these requirements, please contact your child/ren's school/s, childcare provider or other educational setting to discuss your circumstances in confidence.**

If you don't have access to the internet, you can apply by calling the Stay Safe Be Kind helpline on (01902) 290241 (*during office hours*) between Monday 9 and Friday 13 May 2022 inclusive.

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

Food parcels will contain ingredients for five lunches and breakfasts and will need to be collected. A list of venues, dates and times for food parcel collection will be shared with successful applicants.

Any special dietary requirements (e.g. medically-authenticated food hypersensitivity – allergy / intolerance) or preferences will need to be discussed at the food parcel collection point.

#### Help with your application

- Please **only apply once**
- When your application has been successfully submitted, you will see a message on the screen **and** receive an automated acknowledgement email to the address provided on application
- If you **don't have access to the internet, or don't have an email address** please:
  - Contact your child/ren's school/s – they can help you to complete your application; or



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- Call the Stay Safe, Be Kind Helpline on 01902 290241 (*during office hours, Mondays to Fridays, excluding Bank Holidays*) between Monday 9 and Friday 13 May 2022. If you call before Monday 9 May 2022, they will not be able to help you with your application
- **The deadline to apply is Sunday 15 May 2022**
  - If you do not apply before this date, your child/ren will not be able to access this support during the May 2022 half-term holiday week, even if they are eligible to receive benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) during term-time

### If your application is successful

- Successful applicants will receive a further confirmation email by Sunday 22 May 2022
- This email will include information about how to access this support
- If you think that you should have received a confirmation email but you haven't by Sunday 22 May 2022, please first check your 'junk/spam' email folder, then call the Stay Safe Be Kind helpline on 01902 290241 (*during office hours, Mondays to Fridays, excluding Bank Holidays*) or email [freeschoolmeals@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@wolverhampton.gov.uk) **between Monday 23 and Friday 27 May 2022**. You will need to provide a copy of the acknowledgement email you received when you completed your application online or by phone.
- Support is available to all residents of the City of Wolverhampton in need at this time. More information is available at the Council's [Household Support Fund](#) and [Stay Safe Be Kind](#) pages, the Government's free and impartial [Money Helper Service](#) or contact [Citizens Advice](#) for free, reliable information. Visit [www.yowolves.co.uk](http://www.yowolves.co.uk) for more information about services and activities available for children and young people across the City of Wolverhampton.

If you urgently need help with providing food for your child/ren, please contact your child/ren's school/s or call the Stay Safe Be Kind helpline on 01902 290241 (*during office hours, Mondays to Fridays, excluding Bank Holidays*) to discuss your circumstances in confidence.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Horton  
Headteacher

