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Dear Parents / Guardians

We have just been informed that the government has extended the “Household Support Fund” for a further 12 months until 31 March 2024.

The Household Support Fund is there to support those households in the most need due to the rising cost of living especially with energy costs, food, water bills and other related essential items.

The Council has agreed to continue the support for families **with children in receipt of Free School Meals** to ensure the necessary financial support is provided to low-income families during the school holiday periods. The council will be allocating eligible pupils with £15 per week for each of the following school holiday periods.

- May 2023 half term break
- Summer 2023 break
- October 2023 half term break
- Christmas 2023 break
- February 2024 half term break

Our school will continue to use the money to buy Tesco vouchers to distribute to all children in receipt of Free School Meals.

If you are not in receipt of “Free School Meals” but think you may be eligible, you can quickly complete an online form at <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Your child will be eligible to get FSM if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please note: any child who becomes eligible for FSM between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023 will remain entitled to a FSM regardless of any change in parental income until they finish the phase of education they are in (primary or secondary) as of 31 March 2023.

The benefits of FSM

- savings of more than £450 a year per child
- saves time making packed lunches
- your child gets a healthy tasty, cooked meal
- school gets extra funding of up to £1320 a year per FSM child
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Additional Household Help

It is a really challenging time for households throughout the Borough and families may be worried about the rising cost of energy bills, food, and transport. Families may want help accessing welfare rights, benefits and debt advice, support getting all the money they're entitled to, or simply want to know more about national support put in place. Whatever their money worries may be, the Council has put together some useful information to help which includes a wealth of information. Visit: [Cost of living support](#)

Yours sincerely,

K Manning

Mr. Manning
Headteacher

