

Westacre Infant School

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Dear Parent and 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 Easter holidays.

We are writing to let you know that you can apply for support from City of Wolverhampton Council, to help with providing food for your child during the Easter holiday fortnight (5th – 18th April 2021).

This provision is not the same as the support for children with a registered benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) claim during previous periods of partial school closure.

This support will be provided as a food parcel, not vouchers, containing a selection of healthy snacks and lunch items either for home delivery or collection from a central location where possible. If your child has special dietary requirements (e.g. medically-authenticated allergy), please ask your child's school to make the referral on your behalf.

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

You can apply online at <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/easter> between 16th and 23rd March 2021 if you are:

- Eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM)
- Entitled to Working Tax Credit with annual income less than £16,190
- Receiving Universal Credit with take-home pay between £616.68 and £1,233.33 a month
- 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 office to discuss your circumstances in confidence.

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 a confirmation email to the address provided on application

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

The deadline to apply is **Tuesday 23rd March 2021**

If you do not apply before this date you will not be able to receive support during the Easter holiday fortnight even if your child is eligible to receive support during term-time

If your application is successful you will receive a second email by 1st April 2021

This email will include information about your food parcel (for delivery or collection from a central point from 6th April onwards)

If you think that you should have received a second email but you haven't by 1st April 2021, please first check your 'junk/spam' email, then call 01902 290241 or email freeschoolmeals@wolverhampton.gov.uk after Friday 2nd April 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.

Yours sincerely



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