

City Wide Support

The Household Support Fund, set up as a response to Covid to supply Free School Meal vouchers to families requiring financial support during school holidays, has now ended. This was a government backed scheme funded by Local Authorities and the decision to end this support is not one made by schools.

For families in financial crisis, alternative support may still be available. Please click on the links below for further information:

- **Derby holiday activities and food (HAF) programme extended for 3 years** - provides support for families with children eligible for benefit-related free schools meals by providing free activities and meals during the main school holidays (Easter, Summer, Xmas) <https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/extra-curricular-activities/derby-haf/>
- **Derby Food 4 Thought** families struggling with food poverty can apply for emergency food parcels using this link: <https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/get-support/request-a-food-parcel>
- **Local Assistance Award scheme:** helps people on certain benefits who are in financial hardship or experiencing a crisis. The scheme can help people who need food, gas and electric top ups, and in certain situations, it can help with domestic goods or furniture for the home. <https://www.derby.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/local-assistance-award-scheme/#page-1>
- **Removal of the two-child limit on UC** - From April 2026, the two-child limit on Universal Credit will be removed so that families can receive Universal Credit support for all their children, regardless of family size.
- **Cost-of-living support:** Check to see if you are eligible for funded childcare and breakfast clubs and read more on the removal of the two-child limit on UC [Help with the cost of living in 2026 - GOV.UK](#)