

My ref: CHVS – October Half Term 2024  
Your ref: Holiday Voucher Scheme

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Cambridgeshire Holiday Voucher Scheme – October Half Term**

It has been announced that the Household Support Fund has been extended for a further six months and Cambridgeshire County Council is continuing to run its holiday voucher scheme using the Household Support Fund from the Department for Work and Pensions and the additional funding provided by the Council.

Appendix 1 of this letter outlines the different income related eligibility criteria based upon children's age. For eligible young people attending Sixth Form Colleges / Further Education establishments, information on how support will be offered will be sent directly by the college.

Details of how to apply for income related Free School Meals can be found [here](#) – there is a [simple application form](#) which only requires a few details for an instant eligibility check. Each successful application will also bring up to £1,500 additional funding for your child's school.

For October Half Term, our scheme will operate as follows –

- We will issue each eligible child/young person with a £15 voucher via email and/or text. This will be sent on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. You will be able to choose from eleven different supermarkets.
- Vouchers may take until 9pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to arrive. If you haven't received your voucher by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October please [contact us](#). **Please include your child/ren's name and their school/ setting in your email.**
- Any children who become eligible up until Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November will also receive a voucher. These will be sent when we are notified of newly eligible children by our Education Welfare Benefits Team.
- Details of the supermarkets which will accept the vouchers and how the voucher scheme works can be found in the frequently asked questions document sent with this letter.
- All **vouchers must be claimed by 3pm on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. We are **unable to reinstate unclaimed vouchers** after this date.
- If you **do not** wish to receive the food vouchers, please let your school or setting know as soon as possible so that we can reallocate them.

If you would like information and ideas on how to eat more healthily as a family, NHS Change4life has lots of useful information - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes>.



In addition to the Holiday Voucher Scheme, there is further support available in response to the cost of living which can be found here ([Support with the cost of living - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)). Here you can find our dedicated Household Advice and Support Team, available to support families with information, advice and direct financial support.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Children and Young People Committee



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