



12 December 2022

Dear parent, guardian and carer

## Household Support Fund- Food Vouchers for the Christmas School Holidays (FSM)

Thanks to the governments Household Support Fund, the local authority is able to fund supermarket vouchers for the Christmas holiday.

The face value of £30 per child entitled to free school meals (FSM) will be sent to priority parent 1 contact towards the end of this week with a text to inform you when sent.

If you have any queries please email: [c.thompson@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk](mailto:c.thompson@poolehigh.poole.sch.uk)

## Other support with the Cost of Living situation

As the cost of living increases it is important to be aware of the benefits, payments and support options available to you. There are local and national schemes that can help you with rent, food, energy and more. The government has a national cost of living hub which can be found here [Cost of living support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support) . In addition, there is a range of local support which is available which is detailed below.

## Energy Advice

Eligible households can also benefit from a visit from an energy advisor who will support them with ways to reduce their bills, access energy saving advice and, in some instances, provide a new boiler depending on circumstances. Full details can be found here: [LEAP Home Visit | Ridgewater Energy](#)

## Access to Food

There are a number of options for accessing community food support and these are detailed on the webpages here [Community support if you are struggling to pay for food \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/community-support-if-you-are-struggling-to-pay-for-food)

## Safe and Well visits

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service offer free Safe & Well advice, which can include a home visit and the provision of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. To request this for yourself, a family member or a vulnerable person, please call them FREE on 0800 038 2323 (leave a message and someone will call you back) or visit [www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits](https://www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits)

## BCP Cost of Living support one-stop shop

For more information please see the dedicated Cost of Living support hub on the Council's webpage which details the support available [Cost of living help \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help)

Yours sincerely

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