

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been asked to send this message out to you by Gloucestershire County Council.

For the Spring (Easter) school holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with 2 weeks of vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays which will complement the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) taking place over the Easter Holidays.

The vouchers are funded through grant funding and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (income-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **They are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

If you have signed up previously do not need to re-register for Spring (Easter) 2025 holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g., if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that they can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the Spring (Easter) holiday are open from midday 18th March until midday 1st April. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 7th April. Please

check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received your vouchers by the 14th April, please submit a query [HERE](#)

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page. If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the link above.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Kind regards

Henley Bank High School