



Free School Meals for Easter Holidays

11.3.2021

Dear parents/carers,

Over the previous school holidays we have supported families who are eligible for free school meals with food hampers from our Caterlink contract funded from an underspend. We have been informed this provision will change from April 1st and have been asked to share the information below with you from The Children and Family Team at Gloucestershire County Council.

With kind regards,

Zoe Avastu
Headteacher

For the Easter Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council has received funding from the Department of Education to provide Holiday Activities and Food as part of the HAF project.

The programme aims to provide healthy food and enriching activities to children.

The programme will cover 4 hours per day over 4 days at Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021.

The holiday provision is for children who receive benefit related free school meals and it is optional for the eligible children to attend.

Full details of the programme are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-2021>

This means that, for the first week, families will receive a home cooking kit to cover one healthy meal for 4 days. For the second week, the families will receive free school meal vouchers to the value of £15 per eligible child. There is not an option for families to opt for 2 weeks of vouchers.

The sign up form to cover both weeks, together with FAQs is available at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/holiday-free-school-meals/>.

Families will need to complete the application form to receive the home cooking kit for the first week and the vouchers for the second week. Please note if families have received vouchers previously in Feb half term they will not need to request vouchers but will need to sign up for the home-cooking kits for the first week's support.

Applications are open from Wednesday 10.03.2021 to 9am on Friday 19.03.2021

Many thanks.

The Children and Families Team