

Household Support Fund



In partnership with the **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)** the **Household Support Fund (HSF)** grant will help households in Worcestershire who are most in need for support with energy bills, food and water bills. The scheme will run between 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund (HSF) will provide support to those most in need (including families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers, and people with disabilities) by providing vouchers or payments to eligible households or making direct provisions to help with food and goods.

How can I apply for the household support fund to help with energy?

Act on Energy are providing support for energy costs across Worcestershire. For more information please visit:

www.actonenergy.org.uk/project/worcestershire-hsf

Pensioners, carers or people with disabilities on a low income are also encouraged to contact Age UK Worcester and Malvern to see if they are eligible for a one-off payment towards food and fuel costs by calling **01905 724294**.

Here2Help

Further information on the wider local support available, including the cost of living, visit Here2Help Worcestershire:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20758/here2help

For more information about the Household Support Fund scan our QR code with your smart phone



Help with food and other essentials

Help with food and other essentials may also be available via your local District Council or their partner organisations. Information about what is available can be found by visiting our webpage and selecting your district: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20241/warmer_worcestershire/2519/household_support_fund

Claiming Free School Meal Vouchers during the school holidays

The Council has extended this offer with further support for families who qualify for a Free School meal in the holidays until the end of March 2023. Currently you will need to contact your school directly regarding the issuing of Free School Meals vouchers during school holidays.

Additional support with holiday activities and lunch is also available for families via the Ready Steady Worcestershire programme: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20818/ready_steady_worcestershire_-_school_holiday_food_and_activities

Healthy Start

Healthy Start is a Government Scheme that provides weekly vouchers to eligible parents and can help you if you're pregnant or have a young child under four. These vouchers can be spent on milk, fruit and vegetables and infant formula milk at your local shops and supermarkets, as well as offering coupons for free vitamins too.

For more information about the scheme, visit

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20532/pregnancy/1829/healthy_start



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