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Dear Parent or Carer,

We are writing to let you know about a change to holiday free school meal vouchers.

In the past, some families received food vouchers during the school holidays. These vouchers were paid for by money from the Government, through the Household Support Fund.

What is changing?

The Government has stopped this funding from 31 March 2026. Because of this, holiday food vouchers will no longer be given out during school holidays. There is a new scheme called the [Crisis and Resilience Fund](#) which is available to help people facing financial crisis – however there is less funding available and it has to be used for different purposes.

What help is still available?

You can get free and confidential advice about money, benefits, and support from Worcestershire Advice Network: www.worcestershireadvicenetwork.org.uk

You can also find information about cost-of-living help on the council website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cost-living-support. Your [district council](#) will also have information on local support for residents who are facing severe financial hardship or crisis.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is still running throughout Easter, Summer and Winter school holidays, providing free activities and food for families who are eligible for Free School Meals: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/HAF

You can also get various support through your local Family Hub: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/FamilyHubs

We understand this change will have an impact on some families. Please know that support is still available for those experiencing financial difficulties, and we'll share more information as plans for Worcestershire are confirmed.

Yours sincerely,

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