

Dear Parents and Carers,

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SUPERMARKET SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

We are writing to inform you about changes to the support available for families with children eligible for Free School Meals during school holidays.

Previously, families received supermarket vouchers funded through the Government's Household Support Fund. This funding has now ended, which means that school holiday supermarket vouchers will no longer be issued from September 2026.

**Please read carefully to help you understand what this change means for your family and the support available to you.**

**If your child attends a Hounslow school and is eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals:**

Hounslow Council will continue to provide support over the Summer Holiday 2026. You will receive a voucher in July 2026 as normal. **This will be the final voucher issued.** No further school holiday vouchers will be provided after this.

**If you are a Hounslow resident and your child attends a school outside of the borough:**  
If your child's school is not providing supermarket vouchers, you will not receive a supermarket school holiday voucher from Hounslow Council.

### Other support available for Hounslow residents

We understand that this change may be difficult for families. Although the blanket provision of vouchers is ending, there is still a range of support available:

- **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)**  
Support for vulnerable residents, including help with food, utilities and essential costs.  
[Apply for the Crisis and Resilience Fund \(CRF\) | London Borough of Hounslow](#)
- **Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)**  
Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children.  
[Hounslow Family Service Directory.](#)
- **Council Tax Support (CTS)**  
Help for residents on a low income with their Council Tax.  
[Council Tax Support | London Borough of Hounslow](#)
- **Housing Support Payments (via CRF)**  
Support for residents struggling to pay rent (subject to eligibility). [Housing Payments through the Crisis and Resilience Fund \(CRF\) | London Borough of Hounslow](#)
- **Essential Household Items (via CRF)**  
Help with essential furniture and appliances, including white goods, beds and mattresses.  
[Essential household items through the Crisis and Resilience Fund \(CRF\) | London Borough of Hounslow](#)



- **Food Support in Hounslow**

Access to emergency food, community fridges, food deliveries and more.

[Home | Hounslow Connect](#)

If you are struggling with the cost of living, advice and support continues to be available through Hounslow Council and our partner organisations [Cost of living support | London Borough of Hounslow](#)

**Yours Sincerely,**  
Hounslow Council