



Highwood Primary School,  
Fairwater Drive,  
Woodley,  
READING,  
Berkshire.  
RG5 3JE

Tel: 0118 926 5493

Email: [admin@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highwood.wokingham.sch.uk)  
[www.highwood.wokingham.sch.uk](http://www.highwood.wokingham.sch.uk)

Head Teacher: Mr M Hickey BA(Ed), PE QTS

21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

## Information for Parents/Carers of children and young people in receipt of benefits-related FSM attending Wokingham Schools

### Changes to Arrangements for Provision of Free School Meal Vouchers over the Summer Holidays 2022

Before the May/June half term break, we let you know that Wokingham Borough Council was in the process of reviewing the way support is provided to families of children and young people in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM) during holidays.

The Council remains committed to doing everything it can to support families who are struggling during these challenging times, and we are now in a position to confirm arrangements for the Summer holidays 2022.

Food and Grocery vouchers **will no longer** be provided through the Edenred portal to families of children and young people attending Wokingham schools as in previous holidays.

Instead:

- Families of children and young people **who live in Wokingham Borough** and who are eligible for benefits-related FSM can apply for a **one-off £90 voucher** (£15 per child per week of the Summer break) for each child or young person.
- Support has been made available through the Department for Work and Pension's Household Support Fund.
- There will be more flexibility in the type of vouchers available – requests can be made for food, fuel or cash vouchers so that families can support children and young people in a variety of ways as needed.
- Applications can be made from now until the end of the Summer holidays. We would recommend application as soon as possible.
- Applications can be made either through the Citizens Advice Wokingham One Front Door, or through the First Days Children's Charity as follows:

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

Raise money for the school by signing up to Easy fundraising.  
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highwoodprimaryschool>



**Citizens Advice One Front Door:** Fill in the application form online at <https://citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf> , email [contact@citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk](mailto:contact@citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk), or phone 0808 278 7958, 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

**First Days:** Visit <https://firstdays.net/hsf>, call 0118 921 9338 or email [info@firstdays.net](mailto:info@firstdays.net)

**As stated above, please note that vouchers are only available to families of children living in Wokingham Borough, irrespective of where they attend school.**

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

Raise money for the school by signing up to Easy fundraising.  
<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/highwoodprimaryschool>

