



## Supermarket vouchers for May half term holiday to support families

20 May 2022

The household support fund grant has been allocated to councils to enable them to support vulnerable households with essentials.

Ealing Council are planning to once again use part of this fund to provide families with vouchers for the May 2022 half term school holiday.

The value of these vouchers will be £15 per eligible child.

In the meantime we are asking all schools to:

### Action required

Check your list and action by **Friday 20 May**:

1. Please check your FSM eligible lists on the FSM portal and:
  - Flag any children who have left your school (directly via the portal). You only need to flag FSM eligible / protected leavers. It is really important you do this by the 20 May at the latest to ensure that we do not send vouchers to children who are not eligible.
  - Check for any missing eligible / protected children. Voucher orders for the May half term holiday will be solely based on the FSM eligible/protected lists on the portal so please do check your list carefully to ensure all your eligible families receive a voucher.
  - If you have any eligible children who are not listed as eligible or protected on the portal then please (securely) email [PupilSupport@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:PupilSupport@ealing.gov.uk) their details and a parent/carer contact email. Please note that you will need to provide the pupil support team with proof from the previous school for any new joiners with protected FSM status.
2. Please remind parents and carers not currently registered for free school meals to apply on the [FSM portal](#) if they think they might be eligible. All families whose free school meal eligibility is confirmed before the end of the May half term holiday will be eligible to receive a voucher. Check your list and action the above by Friday 20 May. Many thanks for your continued support with this.
3. Schools are also asked to share a letter with parents / carers (see downloads) outlining how Ealing Council will be providing financial support to low income families over the May half term holiday.
  - Please ensure this information is made available to all parents of children eligible for benefits related free school meals ahead of the May half term holiday so that they are aware of the support available and can start planning accordingly.
  - Please do not share the letter with families who are only currently entitled to Universal Infant Free School meals as they are not eligible to receive a voucher

### Further information

If parents have any questions about the scheme, please direct them to the [FAQ's on Blackhawk Network's website](#) in the first instance.



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