

Dear Parent/Guardian

Free School Meals during Christmas Holidays

As you may be aware the council has agreed to provide funding to support benefit related free school meals during the Christmas holidays. The funding is for Parents/ Guardians who are eligible for free school meals due to the benefits they receive. Bath and North East Somerset council have therefore set up a process to provide an electronic voucher for supermarkets so that you can purchase food and essential items during the holidays.

We have set up a web portal to receive applications from Parents/ Guardians who wish to claim a voucher to the value of £40 for the Christmas holidays.

The web link below will request you to submit an e-mail address and some details about yourself and your child /children including your National Insurance number. From this information we will cross check with the entitled to free school meals register and issue a voucher link back to your e-mail address. This may take a few days to complete.

Web Link <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-latest-information-and-advice/help-parents-and-carers>

Once you have the electronic link you will be able to claim a voucher from a range of supermarkets including Tesco, Sainsburys and Morrisons. **It is very important that upon receiving your voucher for your chosen supermarket that you download and save it to your smartphone or computer, as replacements will not be issued.** The voucher may be used in-store or on-line for some supermarkets and can also be printed off before taking it to the supermarket. Please read the full redemption details that are displayed upon selecting your chosen voucher as they are different in each store.

If you do not have electronic means of contacting us then please **phone 01225 477777 option 4**

Where you will be asked to provide the same data and a voucher will be made available to you via alternative means depending on your circumstances.

Yours sincerely

Bath and North East Somerset Council