

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about an important change to financial support available during school holidays.

The Government's Household Support Fund ended on 31 March 2026. This means there will no longer be automatic free school meal holiday vouchers provided through this scheme.

From April 2026, support is now available through a new scheme called the Crisis & Resilience Fund (CRF). Families experiencing financial difficulties may still be able to receive help, but support is now assessed on individual circumstances.

Applications will need to show that the household is experiencing financial hardship due to a recent crisis or unexpected change in circumstances. This may include:

- a sudden loss or reduction of income
- unexpected essential costs
- difficulty paying for food, heating, energy, or other essentials

If you feel your family may need support during the school holidays, please contact your child's school or another supporting professional to discuss whether a referral may be appropriate. Alternatively, you are able to self-refer by following this link: [The Crisis and Resilience Fund | Swindon Borough Council](#)

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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