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Dear Parents and Carers

In these uncertain times, people's circumstances can change quite suddenly. Please check the list below to see if your children are eligible for free school meals. Although schools are closed, we are providing shopping vouchers for our families whose children are eligible for free school meals to the value of £15 per child per week.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- o Income Support
- o income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- o income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- o support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- o the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- o Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- o Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- o Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

To apply online please go to: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Warwickshire's Welfare Scheme Details.

If children are registered for Free School Meals parents/carers can also apply for assistance to buy food whilst they are not at school. This will be through a £30 voucher per child that they will receive via text/SMS to their mobile and can be exchanged for cash at any Paypoint outlet. Warwickshire County Council are currently offering six weeks of support as we do not know how long schools will be closed for. The Local Welfare Scheme Team are happy to help and parents/carers can apply using either of these methods:

- calling on 0800 4081448 or 01926 359182. You will be asked for each child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile number
- emailing the team at warwickshirelocalwelfarescheme@warwickshire.gov.uk. You will need to include each child's name, date of birth and a valid mobile number

Please be patient when calling, they are experiencing a high volume of enquiries.

Kind regards



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