

Monday 9 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Through the government funded Household Support Fund (HSF) Surrey County Council has been able to support families during school holidays with Free School Meal (FSM) school holiday vouchers. Whilst HSF funding to Surrey has decreased over the years, we had allocated 46% of the HSF spend to support families through this route. The latest and final round of HSF funding from UK Government ends in March 2026.

Surrey County Council will issue Free School Meal holiday vouchers for the Easter 2026 school holiday, however, once the Easter vouchers are given out, the scheme will stop. This means there will not be any Free School Meal holiday vouchers for the May half term or Summer 2026 holiday periods.

Continuing support

Surrey County Council remains committed to helping those families who are struggling most financially in Surrey and provide help support and advice to ensure families are enabled to be as financially resilient as possible within their means.

Holiday Activity and Food Camps

These camps – known as ‘Club4’ in Surrey – run in the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays and offer healthy food and fun activities for eligible children who are aged 4 to 16 and are in receipt of Free School Meals. These will continue in Surrey. More information here:
www.activesurrey.com/community/club4.

Other financial support available for families

The Surrey Family Information Service lists a range of financial assistance available depending on your family's circumstance. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/familyfinance.

Support to put food on the table

Food banks and Community Fridges are there for people struggling financially to put food on the table. Visit the [Connect to Support Surrey website](#) and search 'Food banks'.

Jobs and skills support

Find jobs in Surrey, learn new skills and get free employment support, including if you need help to find a job or keep your current job. Connect to Work from Surrey

County Council could help, this is supported employment to help you succeed in work. www.stepsurrey.co.uk

Calculate what benefits you might be entitled to

You can check out what benefits you might be entitled to by simply inputting some of your details into the Better-Off-Calculator. This can work out, based on the details you provide, what you might be entitled to but may not be claiming.

[Check benefits and financial support you can get - GOV.UK](#)

Want to talk to someone about your finances?

Citizens Advice have teamed up with Surrey County Council to offer tailored financial advice. They can help you check that your finances are in the best shape they can be. To find out more, contact Surrey's Welfare Line on 0300 200 1008 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and ask to be referred to HSF Advice Services or complete our [community helpline enquiry form](#). Or visit surreycc.gov.uk/welfare for details of further financial support and advice available in Surrey.

Yours sincerely

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