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Dear Parent / Carer,

Food Vouchers - May School Holiday 2026

Oldham Council has allocated funding again to support vulnerable residents through its Household Support Fund. Some of this funding will be used to cover food voucher support for children eligible for means tested Free School Meals over school holidays.

We want to ensure that those eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receive a food voucher to cover the holiday at a rate of £15 per eligible child.

Who is eligible?

The aim is to support those children eligible for FSM to prevent holiday hunger.

The amount is set out below and is per eligible child regardless of how long the school will be closed:

	Amount per eligible child
May Half Term	£15

This support does not cover children eligible for Universal Free School Meals unless they also have an underlying entitlement to income-based Free School Meals.

The most effective way of ensuring vulnerable families receive the vouchers that can be used in the Oldham supermarkets of their choice is via a third-party online hub – known as Evouchers (previously known as WONDE).

Evouchers is a data integration company already used by many schools in Oldham who offer a free school meal voucher system. This voucher system has a live link to the Academy's data therefore automatically recognises the students who are eligible for Free School Meals. The system should be quick and easy to use and produces the vouchers that can be used in most Oldham supermarkets.

For more information go to: <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb> This includes a step by step guide of how to access the vouchers (once your school has issued them to you).

If you have any questions, please contact the school in the first instance.

For any families that are really struggling for food and provisions over the school holiday, please visit the Oldham Council website www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp which lists financial support and benefits that are available for residents.

Yours sincerely

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Miss R Shaw
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