

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Free School Meals money for the Summer Holidays**

In December we ran the Greenwich Together for Winter campaign. This brought together businesses, community groups, faith groups, schools and volunteers from across the borough to support one another.

As part of this, using Department for Work and Pensions funding, we offered extra financial support towards food and utility costs throughout the school holidays to all children currently claiming Free School Meals (FSM). The scheme was extended throughout spring whilst COVID restrictions have been in place.

**We are continuing the scheme throughout the summer holidays. We are paying a one off payment of £80 per child who have qualified and received free school meals during the last school year.**

To claim your funding you will receive a text message in the next week with a code. If you have more than one child that has applied for and is claiming FSM then you will receive a code for each child. This code will allow you to go to your nearest Post Office to collect the payment. The text message you receive will come from "RBGreenwich" and look like the following:

"Dear Parent/Carer, here is your Post Office code [CODE] for £[VALUE]. Please take this SMS to any Post Office branch to collect your payment."

Take this code to the Post Office and present it at the counter and they will issue you with your money. All codes need to be collected by the August 31 2021.

If you do not receive a code to claim your money by the end of July please contact us at [wintergrantpayment@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:wintergrantpayment@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) providing your child's/children's name, date of birth, which school they are attending and your contact details. This will allow us to undertake our security check on your individual code and get back to you.

And as summer approaches, don't forget that your child may be eligible for a free holiday club place. Through our Holiday Food and Fun programme, we're funding spaces at activity camps right across the borough.

Head to [Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/HolidayFoodandFun](http://Royalgreenwich.gov.uk/HolidayFoodandFun) to see a list of participating clubs and get in touch today.

Wishing you the very best,



Cllr Danny Thorpe  
Leader of the Royal Borough of Greenwich



Cllr Matt Morrow  
Cabinet Member for Children and Young People