

Easter 2021 School Meal Holiday Scheme

The government has extended the Covid Winter Grant scheme, which has allowed us to support families with school meals for the Easter holiday, making sure no child goes hungry during the upcoming school break.

The Havering Easter School Meal Holiday Scheme will provide £30 per child over the holiday to families who are eligible.

Already had support through the scheme?

If you have received money via the scheme previously (October and December 2020 and February 2021 half-term), you do not need to reapply to receive money for the 2021 Easter holiday period.

The money will be paid into your nominated bank account automatically by Monday 22 March 2021.

New claims

If you did not apply during any previous application periods (October and December 2020 and February 2021 half-term) or were not eligible at the time, but your circumstances have now changed, please check you meet the eligibility criteria before submitting your application.

The scheme will open to receive applications from Friday 26 March 2021 at 9am and will close on Tuesday 6 April 2021 at 9am.

Eligible families who apply for the Easter School Meal Holiday Scheme and have not received payment via the scheme in the past are expected to receive payments by Thursday 15 April 2021.

If further eligibility checks are required, this may delay payment.

Eligibility check

The scheme is for children of statutory school age and eligible under the benefit criteria listed below for free school meals during term time.

The scheme is administered by each local authority to its eligible residents regardless of the borough of the school they attend, so if you live in Havering but your child goes to a school outside of Havering, you apply here with us.

If you live outside of Havering, but your child goes to a Havering school, you need to apply for the scheme with the borough you live in.

All infant age children receive free school meals, but only children in receipt of benefit related free school meals are eligible for this extra support.

If you do not have bank account details, please provide the bank details of a trusted family member or friend. You can also make arrangements with your child/children's school to access the funds. Please contact them to discuss.

If you or your child receives any of the following benefits, you may be eligible for this support.

- [Income support](#)
- [Income based Jobseekers Allowance](#)
- [Income related Employment Support Allowance](#)

- [Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit](#)
- [Child Tax Credit](#) (but **not** [Working Tax Credit](#)) and have an annual income of less than £16,190
- [Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#)
- [Working Tax Credit run-on](#) - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for [Working Tax Credit](#)
- [Universal Credit](#) (your household income must be less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you receive)

Need more help?

If you have any queries about the scheme or issues around non-payment, please call our support line, Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm, or send an email schoolmealholidayscheme@havering.gov.uk.

If you are not eligible for support from this scheme, the [Havering Emergency Assistance Scheme](#) (run with our partners DABD), supports the most financially vulnerable people in the borough, including those who are not in receipt of qualifying benefits but are in financial difficulties.

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