

16 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: East Riding LA Winter Grant Scheme - Support for children eligible for Free School Meals

In November the government announced it would support the provision of additional funding for families where children are eligible for Free School Meals over the Christmas school holiday. The government have asked Councils to include this with its Winter Grant Scheme as part of the wider financial support programme to help families during this very difficult time. This also means that help may be available for families facing financial struggles who do not currently claim free school meals.

If you or your child (including those in Post-16 education) are eligible for the Winter Grant Scheme, you will need to complete an online claim form by visiting

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support/coronavirus-benefits-and-financial-support/>

Once your application has been validated and approved, the relevant funding will be transferred to your bank account by BACS.

More information, criteria of the grants and how to apply, is also available by visiting

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/housing/housing-benefit-and-council-tax-support/coronavirus-benefits-and-financial-support/>

If you are unable to complete the application, please call the Council on 01482 393939 and an advisor will be able to help.

Please note, if you live outside the East Riding boundary, your 'home' council has made arrangements for you and you should contact them for further information.

Yours sincerely



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