

Dear Head teachers

I wrote to you recently about FSM vouchers for the summer holiday period, 2022.

The Household Support Fund (HSF), allocated from the Department of Work and Pensions, which use to fund FSM vouchers in the holiday period comes with some controls around how we are permitted to spend it. With the latest allocation of the HSF, there is a requirement that at least 1/3rd of the funding be utilised to support families with children, and 1/3rd of the funding be utilised to support households with pensioners. The government further states that Councils should help those most in need, in particular those who are not able to increase their income through work. The HSF is a finite pot and in seeking to be able to meet the needs of all those for whom it is intended to help, **I confirm that a decision has now been taken on how to divide the HSF and we will be able to reimburse you to the sum of £85 per child for the summer holiday period where those child(ren)/young people are eligible for FSMs.** This includes those children and young people who are on the extended FSM programme in your school and of which you will already be aware. **It does not include those additional children who receive FSMs in KS1 as part of the universal offer from the DfE.**

I have been asked if the FSM vouchers are to be given to those children and young people who will have left the school in the summer of 2022 i.e. year 6s, year 11s (in some instances) and year 13s. The funding is calculated according to all those on roll at the school in term time and so funding for these cohorts is made available as part of the fund calculated and it is important that this money reaches the families of these cohorts.

The council is also going to taking in account under 5's and other low-income households in Haringey and details will be announced once the final decision has been taken.

I hope that the above information enables you to begin internal processes in your school to prepare the vouchers in good time before the end of term. I will shortly send out details of how to reclaim the money from the Council.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Kind regards

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