<u>Free School Meal support during the February 2024 half-term holiday from Gloucestershire County Council</u>

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for February 2024 Half-Term will be open from midday 16 January until midday on 30 January. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 5 February.

For the February 2024 half-term school holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with 1 week of vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (incomerelated) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children in reception to year 2); they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for February 2024 holiday vouchers - they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

If you have any updates to an existing application, please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so that we can update your details, as this is not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the February 2024 half-term are open from midday 16 January until midday 30 January. Voucher emails will be sent out week commencing 05 February. Please encourage parents to check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 07 February, please encourage them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by <u>clicking here.</u> If your school is one of the five that do not use this method, we will require confirmation from yourselves on the child's eligibility. You can find more information on what schools these are on the same link.

For more information and to sign up, please visit our website - <u>Holiday School Meal</u> vouchers.