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Household Support Fund vouchers - September 2024

Dear Parent

The Household Support Fund (HSF) is a grant allocated by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to Local Authorities to provide help with the cost of living to households in the city who are vulnerable or who may be struggling to pay for essentials. The fund is expected to support vulnerable households with energy, water and food bills, and wider essentials linked to energy and food.

As part of Coventry's Household Support Fund (HSF) the Council is using Free School Meal eligibility deprivation data to target support towards households with children who may be struggling to afford these household essentials. The Council is therefore awarding Household Support Fund vouchers to the families of school age children that are eligible for Free School Meals.

Support will be awarded as a supermarket voucher which can be used by households to purchase food and other essential items linked to children. The value of these vouchers is £16.50 per eligible child.

This scheme is not to be confused with previous voucher schemes where vouchers were issued to Free School Meal eligible families to support them with the costs of meals during the school holidays. This is a separate scheme with a one-off award of support to help with the costs of food and related essentials.