

14 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

**Support for children eligible for Free School Meals: East Riding Winter Grant Scheme**

**Please Note: All applications must be made online by 18 December 2020**

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 it 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.

<b>Grant Awarded – Food</b>	<b>Grant Awarded – Fuel</b>	<b>Grant Awarded - other</b>
£45.00 per child or individual person	£30.00 per household	Each application to be determined on need and funds available.

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.

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

For more information, criteria of the grants and how to apply, families should go to <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.