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Important Update: Changes to Easter Holiday Support

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a change in how holiday food support for households receiving Free School Meals (FSM) will be managed.

Previously, schools distributed these vouchers directly. However, the Local Authority has updated this process. Families are now required to apply for support online directly through a new partnership between Somerset Council and Citizens Advice Somerset.

The Easter Holiday Family Support Fund

For the upcoming Easter break, Citizens Advice will be administering and delivering the support fund. If your application is successful, you will receive a £20 supermarket voucher per child to assist with costs over the holiday period.

What You Will Need to Apply

To complete your online application, you will need to upload a number of documents as evidence. Please have the following ready:

- **Proof of Identity:** A valid driver's license, passport, council tax bill, or utility bill.
- **Proof of Household Income:** Recent confirmation of any benefits received.
- **Bank Statements:** Transactions for **every adult** in the household covering at least the last 30 days and showing the current balance.
- **Proof of Children:** A Child Benefit award letter or your most recent Universal Credit statement.
- **Proof of Free School Meals:** Your confirmation award letter or email from the council.

Additional Support & Resources

If you are struggling with the online form or need broader help, the following services are available:

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Service	Support Offered	Contact / Link
<u>Citizens Advice</u>	Help completing the online application.	0808 278 7842 (Mon–Fri, 9am–4pm)
HHH Programme	Free holiday clubs, activities, and hot meals for FSM-eligible children.	<u>SASP Happy Healthy Holidays</u>
#Help4All	General guidance on food, housing, and energy support.	<u>Connect Somerset</u>
Local Pantries	Low-cost food through the Somerset Pantry Network.	<u>Somerset Local Pantries</u>

Yours sincerely



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