

Winter Covid Grant being used to support FSM families over February half-term

A Message for parents/carers for schools to use within their own communication systems.

Stockport Council will once again be issuing vouchers to families eligible for benefit related free school meals who attend Stockport schools next month (February).

These vouchers will be issued electronically to parents email address held, and will be issued to coincide with the February half term week. The vouchers will be issued using the PayPoint system which can be redeemed in many local stores supporting PayPoint, and can be used for food, fuel and other winter essentials. <https://consumer.paypoint.com/>. Where possible, it is advised that you use participating major supermarkets and outlets linked to Post Offices Any families without an email address will receive a supermarket voucher in the post.

Families will receive vouchers to the value of £20 per eligible child. The additional £5 per eligible child reflects the closure of schools as part of the current national lockdown and the increased costs such as household fuel and heating as a result.

In order to ensure you receive your voucher please make sure your contact information is up to date with your child's school, or you can email [benefitsfsm@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:benefitsfsm@stockport.gov.uk). If you are not currently claiming free school meals and think you may be entitled please visit [Free School Meals](#) pages of the council website.

If you are in immediate need of financial support please visit the [money advice and support](#) pages of the council website .

If you need further support because English is not your first language please contact your child's school.

A translation of this letter will be available at [Free School Meals](#)