

Holiday Free School Meal (FSM) Voucher Scheme

We would like to make you aware of the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that Gloucestershire County Council is currently offering to families in Gloucestershire.



This October Half Term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding they have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire.

Applications for holiday FSM vouchers for the October Half Term 2025 will be **open from midday 7 October until midday on 14 October. Voucher emails will be sent from week commencing 20 October.**

Please check your junk/spam folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received your vouchers by **27 October**, please submit a query via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#).

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of **£15 per child for one week**.

If you have signed up previously you do not need to re-register for the October Half Term holiday vouchers - as you will already have been included.

Families that have previously signed up will need to contact GCC with any changes to your circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To update details of an existing application, please submit an **update existing details request via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#)** so that the team can update your account, as details are not automatically updated.

To ensure Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) reach all those who are eligible, they encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note that GCC check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure you are registered beforehand. You can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page.

Using vouchers – vouchers need to be used and will only be awarded once you have registered for the scheme and cannot be backdated. Vouchers should be used in the holiday period in which they are awarded. If vouchers are not claimed and have expired, they cannot be re-issued. Vouchers not received should be queried via the Microsoft Form [HERE](#) by the end of the holiday period.

To apply and for those wishing to find out more about eligibility please visit: [Holiday free school meal vouchers | Gloucestershire County Council](#)