

**Uned Cymorth Cyfarwyddiaeth Addysg a Chymorth i
Deuluoedd (UCCACD)
Education and Family Support Directorate –
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Dear parent/carer

Provision of payment vouchers for pupils eligible for free school meals

As I am sure you will be aware, since May 2020, the local authority has supported pupils eligible for free school meals (eFSM) with the provision of a weekly food parcel during periods of 'lock-down', in school holidays and where pupils have been required to self-isolate.

Welsh Government has indicated that the financial support for eFSM pupils for school holidays will continue until Easter 2022.

The local authority has considered the ongoing support for eFSM pupils and has determined to end the provision of food parcels and replace these with a 'payment voucher'. This voucher, to the value of £19.50 per child, per week, is redeemable at any 'PayPoint' for cash.

The local authority will be sending the voucher for the October half-term holiday out to parents in the coming days. Please note the following:

- Parents/carers who have consistently been in receipt of food parcels will receive their voucher by email or text message.
- Parent/carers who decided to 'opt-out' of food parcel provision early on in the pandemic, will now be automatically 'opted-in' to the payment voucher scheme and will receive their voucher electronically by email or text message.

I would be grateful for your patience while the vouchers are distributed. However, if you have not received your voucher by Wednesday 27 October please email

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Cyfnwidi testun: Rhowch 18001 o flaen unrhyw un o'n rhifau ffon ar gyfer y gwasanaeth trosglwyddo testun

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg. Rhowch wybod i ni os yw eich dewis iaith yw'r Gymraeg

We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Please let us know if your language choice is Welsh

You must only redeem the voucher if you are the intended recipient and are the parent/carer of an eFSM child.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Iorwerth Harvey', written in a cursive style.

Lindsay Iorwerth Harvey (Mr)

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