



18th May 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

Communication to resident families and those living in temporary accommodation outside of Westminster from Westminster Local Authority

I am writing to update you about the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) vouchers that your family currently receives through the local authority via St Augustine's.

The Government has announced that the national scheme funding these vouchers will be coming to an end, with the Easter holidays being the final period covered under the current arrangements. To help support families during this transition, Westminster City Council will continue to fund holiday FSM vouchers for the May half-term break and the summer holidays.

As your family is resident in Westminster (or placed in temporary accommodation by Westminster), you will continue to be eligible for holiday FSM vouchers for each FSM eligible child. These will be provided at a rate of £3.50 per day for May half term and the summer holidays.

In addition, your family can access the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme, which offers free, fun activities for children alongside a healthy meal during the holidays. More information, including how to sign up, is available here: <https://ourcity.org.uk/haf-programme>

The Government is also introducing a new Crisis and Resilience Fund, which will replace previous national funding streams. Further information about eligibility and how Westminster residents can access this support will be shared in due course.

If you would like more information about wider cost-of-living support available in Westminster, please visit: www.westminster.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support

Kind regards

Ms R Kelly

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St Augustine's CE High School



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