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Our Ref: PHVS – February Half Term Holiday 2025



To parents/carers of pupils in Peterborough schools
and early years settings

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Peterborough Holiday Voucher Scheme – February Half-Term Holiday

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter contains details of the February Half-Term Holiday Voucher Scheme. The voucher value for this round will be **£15**

We are also pleased to announce a 6-month extension to the Household Support Fund issued by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), meaning the holiday voucher scheme will continue for the Easter, Holiday, May Half-Term and the Summer Holiday.

Further details will be published on the [Peterborough City Council](https://www.peterborough.gov.uk) website when they become available.

Appendix 1 of this letter outlines which children and young people are eligible to receive the vouchers and the criteria which is required, depending on their age.

Appendix 2 of this letter has details of additional support and schemes that are available, including help with the cost of living and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

Key Dates:

Saturday 15th February

Each eligible child/young person will be issued a £15 voucher using a link sent by email and/or text. It may arrive at **any** time during that day. Please wait until **Sunday 16th February** to contact us about any missing vouchers. You can contact us at holidayvouchersupport@peterborough.gov.uk. Please include in your email the name of your child, their date of birth and which school, college or early year setting they attend.

Sunday 23rd February

Last day for newly eligible children and young people to be included in the February Half-Term voucher round. Any children found eligible after that date will have to wait until the next round.

Sunday 16th March - 9:00pm

Last day for Voucher to be activated. The voucher does not need to be spent by this date, just activated by using the link to select the required retailer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K.J. Cole".

Councillor Katy Cole
Cabinet Member for Children's Services &
Education

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carrie Traill".

Carrie Traill
Service Director – Education
Peterborough City Council

Appendix 1 – Eligible Children and Young People

Date of birth between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022 (2 year old funded)

- Eligible for 'Disadvantage entitlement - 2-year-old funding' = **YES** eligible ✓
- Eligible for 'Working Parent Entitlement - 2-year-old funding' = **NO** not eligible X

You can find eligibility criteria and links to apply for both types of funding on the [15 hours funded childcare for 2-year-olds](#) page of the [Peterborough City Council](#) website.

Date of birth between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2021 (3 and 4 year olds)

- Eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) = **YES** eligible ✓

Details of the eligibility criteria for EYPP can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/get-extra-early-years-funding>

Your child's Pre-school, Nursery or Childminder will need to run the online check to tell you if your child is eligible for EYPP. You will also need to ask them to notify us of your contact details to allow us to send the voucher link. They can email the voucher team at holidayvouchersupport@peterborough.gov.uk.

Date of birth between 31st August 2020 and 1st September 2008 (Reception to Year 11)

- Eligible for 'Income Based Free School Meals' = **YES** eligible ✓
- Receiving 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' = **NO** not eligible X

You can find eligibility criteria and links to apply for 'Income based Free School Meals' on the [Free School Meals](#) page of the [Peterborough City Council](#) website.

Our systems are shared with Cambridgeshire County Council who deliver our eligibility checking service. There are 12 Peterborough schools, who are listed on the [Free School Meals](#) page, who use different checking services so you will need to apply directly to those schools.

Please Note - All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals if they are in a government-funded school. This is **NOT** one of the criteria for receiving the voucher.

Date of birth between 31st August 2008 and 1st September 2005 (6th Form or College)

- Eligible for 'Income Based Free School Meals' **AND** enrolled in Further Education provision funded by the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) = **YES** eligible ✓
 - On an Apprenticeship, including those with an Education, Health and Care Plan = **NO** not eligible X
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Students aged 19 or over on 31st August 2024 **AND** enrolled in Further Education provision funded by the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA)

- Eligible for free school meals **AND** Continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 ('19+ continuers') = **YES** eligible ✓
- Have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) **AND** Continuing on a study programme they began aged 16 to 18 ('19+ continuers') = **YES** eligible ✓
- Aged 19 to 25 **AND** have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) **AND** accesses the bursary scheme **OR** Free School Meals in their college = **YES** eligible ✓

Children in care are not covered by the scheme as the costs of meals in the holidays are covered by fostering allowances.

Appendix 2 – Additional Support and Schemes

Help with the cost of living

Further information on support available in response to the cost of living can be found on the [Peterborough City Council](#) website on the [Here to help - cost of living](#) page.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme offers fully funded holiday places to eligible children and young people in Peterborough.

HAF is available to primary and secondary school children and young people who are in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

During the Christmas school holidays eligible children can access up to 4 fully funded sessions. A range of provision to suit children's interests is available across the city.

You can book a place from Monday 18th November using the online booking system <https://eequ.org/hafpeterborough> A full list of HAF providers will be shown from this date.

Bookings are available on a first come first served basis.

Details of the scheme can be found on the [Peterborough City Council](#) website on the [HAF](#) page.

Healthy Start Scheme

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, the Healthy Start scheme can help you buy healthy foods and get free vitamins. Visit <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/> to find out if you are eligible and how to apply.

Healthier Families

If you would like information and ideas on how to eat more healthily as a family, NHS Healthier Families has lots of useful information and recipes which can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>