



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

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UPDATE ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS E-VOUCHERS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been informed that, following changes to government funding, supermarket vouchers for school holidays will no longer be issued from the October half-term holiday onwards.

If you are concerned about the cost of food or other household essentials, support is still available for families.

A range of food and financial support can be accessed through services including the Let's Talk Money programme, community food support, Free School Meals, Holiday Activities and Food (HAF), the Healthy Start Scheme, crisis payments, energy support and money advice services.

Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council has created a dedicated **Food Support for Families** page on the Family Information Directory (FID), which brings together information about food, financial and practical support available to families across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. The page also links to the **Access to Food Map**, helping families locate nearby food banks, community fridges, food pantries, social supermarkets and community meal services.

Whether you are facing financial difficulties or simply need a little extra support, there are organisations across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole ready to help.

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Kind regards,

St Mark's C.E. Primary School Office