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## Household Support Grant funding for pupils with free school meals for the Easter Holiday period.

Last year the government launched a new Household Support Grant to help vulnerable households with essentials over the coming months as the country continues its recovery from the pandemic.

Darlington Council will be using the new grant to support families entitled to Free School Meals during the 2 week Easter holidays.

The Local Authority (Darlington Borough Council) will again utilise Wonde to support pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals for the 2 week Easter holidays. You will therefore be able to purchase a voucher for **£60 per FSM pupil (£30.00 per week – These are being distributed in two separate batches)**. The funding is to support families with food and fuel costs.

As you will recall from previous holiday periods, Wonde works directly with our school to distribute vouchers to families. Wonde connects directly to our schools' management information system (MIS) collecting all the relevant student and parent data. School staff then quickly select the Free School Meal eligible children and the relevant parent to assign the voucher to.

When a school assigns vouchers to a parent, they instantly get a text message and/or email to ask them to choose their supermarket of choice. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's & Tesco are included in the scheme.

Once you have selected your supermarket, vouchers are sent directly to you.

Best wishes  
Tony

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