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Dear Parent/Carer

We're getting in touch to let you about some changes being made to the way we distribute the Government's Household Support Fund (HSF).

A reduction of 11% in the total amount Nottingham receives in Household Support Fund in 2025/26 means we have had to make the difficult decision to end provision of Free School Meal vouchers during school holiday periods.

Continuing this support would use approximately 55% of the available funding and significantly reduce the amount of support we can provide in other vital areas such as paying utility bills, meeting other essential living costs or housing costs or buying food.

We understand that this change may have a considerable impact on households who have previously relied on this support, especially during times when children are not in school and access to meals may be more limited.

Further support is available and we would be grateful if you could help us to encourage families to check with advice agencies, local community organisations and food support services about the help they may be able to offer. Additionally there is further information regarding support available and other benefits families may be entitled to on our webpage - [Household Support Vouchers - Nottingham City Council](#)

Kind Regards

Nottingham City Council