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Our Ref: PHVS – Easter Holiday 2026

PETERBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL

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

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Peterborough Holiday Voucher Scheme – Easter Holiday 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter contains details of the Easter Holiday 2026 Voucher Scheme. The voucher value for this round will be **£15**

Full details can be found using the link below to the Holiday Voucher Scheme web page or by scanning the QR code opposite

www.peterborough.gov.uk/holiday-voucher-scheme

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 useful websites, and additional support schemes that are available, including help with the cost of living and the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

Vouchers MUST be activated by Thursday 23rd April 2026 or they will become invalid

Key Dates:

Saturday 28th March 2026

Each eligible child/young person with 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 29th March** 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 12th April 2026

Last day for newly eligible children and young people to be included in the Easter Holiday voucher round.

Thursday 23rd April 2026 - 9:00 pm

Last day for Vouchers 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. If not activated, it will become invalid and won't be re-issued.

Yours faithfully,

K.J. Cole

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

Carrie Traill
Service Director – Education
Peterborough City Council

Appendix 1 – Eligible Children and Young People

Date of birth between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023 **AND** attend a Peterborough Early Years Provider *(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 2021 and 31st March 2025 **AND** attend a Peterborough Early Years Provider *(9 months to 4 years old)*

- 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 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2021 **AND** attend a Peterborough School *(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 11 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 1st September 2006 and 31st August 2009 **AND** live in Peterborough
(6th Form or College)

- Eligible for 'Income Based Free School Meals' **AND** enrolled in Further Education provision funded by the Department for Education (DfE) = **YES** eligible ✓
- On an Apprenticeship, including those with an Education, Health and Care Plan = **NO** not eligible **X**

Students aged 19 or over on 1st September 2025 **AND** enrolled in Further Education provision funded by the Department for Education (DfE) **AND** live in Peterborough

- 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 ✓

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.

Cost of Living Support Hubs

A list of the Peterborough Cost of Living Support Hubs can be found on the Families Information Service (FIS) website and includes contact details, opening times, locations and services offered.

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

You can book a place 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/

Best Start in Life – Parent Hub

The Governments Best Start in Life Website brings together trusted information and support from pregnancy through your child's early years and beyond