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Dear Parent/Carer,

Gloucestershire County Council are offering a holiday hunger support package for the February 2021 holidays. For those families who are entitled to free school meals, and who need this extra support, the details about the package and how to apply are below.

All eligible pupils who registered and received support during the October and Christmas holidays, will automatically receive vouchers for February. Parents and Carers do not need to register again.

Any families who believe they are eligible, but who have not already registered by either of these routes, can apply for the support at <u>http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-</u>learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/holiday-free-school-meals/

Cllr Mark Hawthorne, leader of Gloucestershire County Council said: "Last year, we made a commitment to ensure that no child in Gloucestershire goes hungry during the Covid-19 pandemic, and we will keep that commitment this February half-term. A good meal each day is the very least every child should have.'

"Thanks to the work our teams put in during October and again at Christmas, we can now quickly deliver support to all those who registered with us then. However, we know that there are more people that could benefit from this support, so I would urge anyone who is eligible to apply, via our website. We all need help sometimes, and it's what we're here for."

Eligible families will need to be registered by Friday 5th February 2021 to ensure vouchers can be processed in time for half term. Vouchers will be sent via email.

Details on how to apply can be found at <u>http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-</u> learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/holiday-free-school-meals/

If you cannot access information online, or have any questions relating to the scheme, call 01452 426165 (during office hours, 9am-5pm) or alternatively e-mail <u>childrensfund@qloucestershire.gov.uk</u>

Yours sincerely,

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