Dear Parent/Carer

We know many families have appreciated the WONDE supermarket vouchers provided to families in receipt of benefit related free school meals, over the past 5 years.

Unfortunately, due to changes in national funding, these vouchers will sadly come to an end after the school Summer Holidays 2026.

Although the vouchers are ending, there is still a range of support available for children and families throughout the school holidays and across the year.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The HAF programme runs during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays and is available for children receiving benefit-related Free School Meals.

Children can enjoy a range of fun activities, with meals provided at sessions across Westmorland and Furness.

You can find out more and book places here:
Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Westmorland and Furness Council

Best Start Family Hubs

The Best Start Family Hubs offer support for families in lots of different ways, including:

- Cooking and nutrition workshops
- One-to-one support for parents receiving out-of-work benefits through the DWP Family & Community Work Coach
- Free activities for children, young people and families across Westmorland and Furness

Family Help and Advice

You can also find helpful information, advice and support for families here:
Westmorland and Furness Family Help

Crisis Support

If your family is facing financial difficulties, you may be able to apply for a Crisis Support Award.

This support is designed to help low-income households dealing with unexpected financial pressures, such as:

- A sudden loss of income
- Unexpected household bills
- Emergency situations

The scheme also aims to provide early help before problems become more serious.

Citizens Advice can also offer support and advice around benefits, debt, budgeting and other financial concerns.

Kindest regards



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