



Ref: IIQ/DSO/ZSM

21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**Re: Vouchers during school holidays**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, Sandwell council has prioritised the provision of vouchers during school holidays to eligible parents whose children receive free school meals when the majority of other councils have ended their offer.

For the Easter Break, Sandwell Council has reviewed its current position and will be able to provide families with one voucher per eligible child to the value of £15.

Alongside the vouchers Sandwell is also offering Holiday Activities and Food during the Easter break. Eligible children can enjoy up to 4 days of fun activities and a meal, free of charge. Families have been contacted directly about this offer and more details are here:

<https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>

For those families who are struggling during the school holidays there is also support available on the Supporting Sandwell website at [www.sandwell.gov.uk/supportingsandwell](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/supportingsandwell) including financial advice.

Holly lodge High School and Sandwell Council continues to recognise that the cost-of-living crisis has affected many families in Sandwell and is looking at how to best provide support during school holidays going forward.

Please see below, details of local organisations that can help during the Easter break.

Salma Foodbank: <https://www.salma-foodbank.org/>

Smethwick Foodbank: <https://smethwick.foodbank.org.uk/>

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs D Southall  
Deputy Head Teacher