



**Maiden Erleigh Chiltern Edge
Reades Lane
Sonning Common
Reading
RG4 9LN**

Oxfordshire County Council
County Hall
New Road
Oxford
OX1 1ND

Kim Wilson
Assistant Director
Schools and Settings
(Standards, Effectiveness and
Performance)

11 March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Household Support Fund: support for children and young people in schools, colleges and early years settings for the Easter Holidays.

Ahead of the **Easter Holidays**, families of eligible children and young people in Oxfordshire schools and colleges will again receive support with the costs of food during the holiday period, funded by the Department of Work and Pensions' Household Support Fund.

Due to changes in government funding, the County Council will be ending the support in school holidays for households eligible for Free School Meals. This provision has been funded by the government's Household Support Fund. A new funding programme has been introduced, which is effective from April 2026, called the Crisis & Resilience Fund. As such the one week of support for Easter will be the final payment made on this basis.

The County Council will be announcing a new funding programme in April. This will propose allocating funding into other areas of activity to support low-income families such as our [Holiday Activities and Food programme](#) and our new Family Hubs programme.

We will also continue to maintain our Residents Support Scheme which households can apply to for one off crisis payments. Parents may wish to refer to this scheme which can be accessed from the following link: [Oxfordshire Residents Support Scheme | Oxfordshire County Council](#) or by calling 01865 804171.

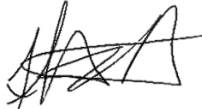
For the Easter Holidays your child will be eligible for £15. Your child's school, college or Early Years setting will provide the support to you in the form of a supermarket voucher or equivalent.

Eligible children in schools and settings, are those entitled to benefits related to Free School Meals, Early Years Pupil Premium, 2-Year-Old funding or if the family is suffering from food hardship during these times.

As your child/ren meets the eligibility criteria you are entitled to the £15 per child grant, in the form of a supermarket voucher or equivalent. I hope you find this of assistance.

Additional information on help with the rising costs of living is available on the Council's website here: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/help-rising-living-costs.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kim Wilson', with a stylized, overlapping 'A' at the end.

Kim Wilson
Assistant Director
Schools and Settings (Standards, Performance and Effectiveness)