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| ***Insert name and address of school/college*** | Oxfordshire County Council  County Hall  New Road  Oxford  OX1 1ND  **Martin Goff**  Head of Access to Learning  Childrens Service  4 October 2024 |

Dear ***(insert parent/carers names)***

**Household Support Fund: support for children and young people in schools, colleges and early years settings for the October Half Term Holiday 2024**

Ahead of the **October Half Term Holiday 2024**, 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.

£15 per week, per eligible child is available for the **October Half Term Holiday 2024**2024 period. 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 are those entitled to benefits related to Free School Meals or if the family is suffering from food hardship during these times.

As your child/ren (***insert names***) meets the eligibility criteria you are entitled to the £15 per week 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](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/help-rising-living-costs).

Kind regards

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