Dear parent / carer.

Trafford Council is committed to supporting vulnerable low-income families who are struggling and need help to pay for food during the school holidays.

**School Holiday Award**

As part of this support all families who are eligible for free school meals or are on Council Tax Support and in receipt of a passported benefit/Universal Credit can apply for:

£50 per child for the summer school holidays.

If you are eligible for free school meals and receive a message stating you do not meet the criteria, please follow the online instructions to appeal the decision. Please read the Free school meal - holiday award for any questions you have regarding the scheme.

If you need support in completing the online form, please visit your local library.

- Children must be eligible for free school meals to receive an award.
- You must live in Trafford and use your current address on the application form.
- All children in your household up to the age of 18 must be included on the **one** application form and you must only add each child once to the form.
- You must include your own email address and bank details to the application form.
- The application window will be open for 2 weeks and you must apply within this time for your application to be successful.
- If you have previously been unsuccessful with the application form and instead received a supermarket voucher via email. Please check your emails as you may automatically receive a voucher and do not need to complete the online form.

## ***The Application form for the Summer holiday award will open on Tuesday 7 July 2026 and close on Monday 20 July 2026***

Apply for the free school meals holiday award here

Information completed on the application form must be accurate for your payment to be processed. Details will be checked against Council records and evidence may be requested before a payment can be issued.

Incorrect information could result in your application being delayed or refused. It is an offence to knowingly provide untrue information, and you will be required to repay any overpayment.

Kind regards

**Trafford Council**