

Stockport

Who is eligible for support

Holiday Support Vouchers

Eligible families must be in receipt of means-tested FSM, in receipt of 2-Year Offer or in receipt of 3-4 year olds Pupil Premium.

New family support vouchers

Discretionary support to families identified by Start Well Team including health visitors, midwives, etc

Care leavers support vouchers

Discretionary support to care leavers identified by the Care Leavers Team

Energy Voucher

All recipients (pensioners, working-age, those with dependents) must be in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and/or Housing Benefit as paid by SMBC.

The HSF is also being using to invest in a range of community based organisations.

Households	Form of support
Families	<p>Holiday Support Vouchers</p> <p>Issued to all eligible families in receipt of means-tested FSM plus early years (vulnerable 2-year olds, 3-4 year olds in receipt of Pupil Premium), migrant children, and post-16. Offer is £15 per pupil per week of school holidays (x 4 weeks) = £60 per pupil.</p> <p>HSV's issued via Post Office Payout Platform. Where the council holds a valid email address for a family, they receive an electronic voucher. Where no email held, they receive a postal voucher.</p>
	<p>New family support vouchers</p> <p>£75,000 awarded to the council's Start Well Team to award discretionary vouchers of £50 to families where the eldest child is under 2. Vouchers can be used for food, fuel and other essentials.</p> <p>Awards provided in ASDA vouchers. Where award is to be used to support energy costs, advice to family is to use ASDA voucher to purchase food, allowing for existing budget to be used to cover energy costs.</p>

Pensioners	Energy vouchers for £105 issued to all pensioner households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and/or Housing Benefit as paid by SMBC. Total spent (as of 23.08.22): £0.674m. Energy Vouchers issued via Post Office Payout Platform. All vouchers are postal.
Care leavers	£30,000 awarded to the council's Care Leavers Team to provide energy vouchers to care leavers. Awarded via Pay Point Energy top-ups
Broader Population	Energy vouchers for £60 issued to all working-age households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and/or Housing Benefit as paid by SMBC. Energy Vouchers issued via Post Office Payout Platform. All vouchers are postal.
	Energy vouchers for £60 issued to all dependent households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support and/or Housing Benefit as paid by SMBC (that do not qualify for FSM, therefore do not receive Holiday Support Vouchers). Energy Vouchers issued via Post Office Payout Platform. All vouchers are postal.
VCFSE Investments	<p>Strategic investments (to date)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50,000 allocated to HAF programme to cover food costs • £30,000 to SMBC Support Funds • £2500 to Marple Foodbank – purchase food to maintain stock and meet demand • £2500 to Gatley Foodbank – purchase food to maintain stock and meet demand • £5000 to Wellspring – purchase food and other essentials • £5000 to Chelwood Foodbank – purchase food to maintain stock and meet demand • £15000 to Stockport Foodbank – purchase food to maintain stock and meet demand plus purchasing ASDA vouchers to offer discretionary primary school uniform vouchers • £40,000 to Age UK Stockport – emergency food purchase, energy top-ups, hoarding

Application process

Household do not apply for HSF support in Stockport.

Holiday Support Vouchers and energy vouchers.

All eligible households were notified via social media and direct email that they will receive support and timescales.

New family and care leavers support vouchers

Issued on a discretionary basis

Other Cost of Living Support

A Task and Finish Group has been stood up to focus on:

Immediate Crisis Support – ensuring that existing support pathways are joined up and easily accessible to residents appropriate to individual circumstances with onwards referral to early help and preventative support services. Workstreams include:

- Development of a referral tool to provide an issue-centred approach to help
- Review of the Support Funds application process to streamline access to support

Income Maximisation, Spend Minimisation – targeted early help and preventative support to residents to support the robustness of their financial resilience. Workstreams include:

- ‘Money Maximising Roadshows’ bringing together services focusing on financial advice, energy advice, digital support, wellbeing, education and affordable goods in community settings.
- The ‘Stockport Saving Summer’ campaign has now launched in partnership with the Stockport Food Network via social media channels.
- Launch of a Pension Credit uptake campaign to identify and support Stockport pensioners access circa £5.8m of estimated unclaimed pension top-up payments.
- The council are also working up proposals to deliver a Warm Spaces initiatives alongside partner organisations over the winter period

Organisational Response and Awareness – developing organisational awareness and response of the support available across the Council to support residents. This includes a new website landing page to collate support available via the Council and its partners in one place.

Developing Our Understanding – build our understanding of the issues facing low income households to support the provision of a proactive response to residents need and demand for support across the Council. This includes supporting the development of the [GM Cost of Living Dashboard](#) and [the Greater Manchester Poverty Action \(GMPA\) Poverty Monitor](#). A cost of living round table discussion is planned for September/October bringing together the Council and its partners across the public sector, private sector and VCSFE.

Link to website

[Household Support Fund-Stockport](#)