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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Broadoak Academy, our commitment to our students extends beyond the classroom. We are proud to foster a culture of Belonging. Part of this commitment is ensuring that every family has access to the support they need during challenging times. With many households experiencing increased financial pressure, I am writing to provide a clear and comprehensive guide to the range of financial assistance, vouchers, and community resources currently available.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT & VOUCHERS

1. Free School Meals (FSM) & Holiday Vouchers

Families who register for benefits-related Free School Meals receive:

- A free, nutritious meal for their child each school day
- Supermarket vouchers during school holidays

Apply for FSM

North Somerset Council FSM Page:

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

GOV.UK route to North Somerset FSM Application:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/north-somerset>

2. Free School Travel Assistance

FSM-eligible students may also qualify for free home-to-school travel, typically if living between 2 and 6 miles from the academy.

Apply for Travel Support:

North Somerset School Transport Page:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/financial-support-for-pupils/home-to-school-transport/free-home-school-transport>



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Travel Policy (Guidance PDF):

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-12/home%20to%20school%20transport%20-%20post-16%20mainstream%20travel%20policy%202025-26.pdf>

3. Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Easter 2026

Bookings open:

 Thursday 5 March 2026 at 9:00am

This programme provides:


- Free holiday activities
- A hot nutritious meal
- Priority for FSM-eligible children

Book via Eequ (Official HAF Booking Portal):

<https://eequ.org/northsomersethaf>

4. Household Support Fund (HSF) – **Urgent Deadline**

Applications for emergency vouchers close:

 Sunday, 1 March 2026

Apply here:

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/benefits-support/other-benefits-support/household-support-fund>

COMMUNITY HELP & IMMEDIATE SUPPORT

If you are experiencing hardship outside school hours, the following Weston-super-Mare community resources may be able to support you.



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Local Community Hubs

The Sovereign Centre Community Hub

Located within The Sovereign Centre, offering “Help Yourself” shelves and guidance on local grants.

Postcodes: BS23 1HL

Weston-super-Mare Food Club

For All Healthy Living Centre (Bournville)

Provides access to low-cost, high-quality groceries for families.

Address: 68 Lonsdale Avenue, Weston-super-Mare

Postcode: BS23 3SJ

The Campus (Locking Castle)

A second Food Club location offering affordable groceries and community support services.

Address: Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare

Postcode: BS24 7DX

Foodbank Vouchers



Broadoak Academy is a registered issuer of Weston-super-Mare Foodbank vouchers.

If you are in immediate need:

 Email: enquiries@broadoak.clf.uk

Requests are processed quickly and discreetly by our Safeguarding or Family Support Team.



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OUR COMMITMENT TO DIGNITY

Please be assured that any request for support—whether for travel grants, holiday vouchers, or foodbank assistance—will be handled with complete confidentiality, kindness, and respect. We understand the challenges that families may face, and there is absolutely no judgement from our staff. Our priority is ensuring your child is safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Our Supportive Team is available to assist with any of the applications mentioned in this letter.

To speak with a member of the team, please contact the main office at 01934 422000 or email enquiries@broadoak.clf.uk.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and support.

Yours sincerely,

Carina Ridge

Vice Principal

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