

COVID-19 Support Grant



Have you claimed the COVID Support Grant?

Claim your one-off payment of £78. If you are eligible, you will have received a letter about how to claim.

The voucher can be used to pay for food and milk, but can also be used for other essential items such as nappies and toiletries.

The COVID Support Grant is available to support families who have:

- a child/ren in receipt of, or are eligible for 2-year-old funding
- have a 3 or 4-year-old who is in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)





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31st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer of <child's first name> <child's last name>,

COVID Support Grant

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a very challenging time for many families across Coventry. In recognition of this, we are providing a one-off food voucher payment to eligible families to support with the additional costs you will have experienced. You will need to supply us with some limited details so we can confirm your eligibility and send you the voucher.

You have been identified to receive the COVID-19 Support Grant because:

- you have a child/ren in receipt of, or eligible for 2-year-old funding
- you have a 3 or 4-year-old who is in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)
- you are receiving support from Children's Services (Family hub or a social worker) and have been assessed as being in financial hardship, but you have not received food voucher support for your child through our school led Free School Meals voucher scheme.

How do I claim this voucher?

To access this voucher, you will need to visit the link below to provide your contact details, some information about <child's first name>, and their unique reference number: <unique code>

www.coventry.gov.uk/CovidFoodVoucher

Once your registration has been received we will need to process your information, which may take a few days. You will then receive a text message to the mobile phone you register with us, which will ask you to select your supermarket of choice. Your electronic voucher code for this supermarket will then be sent to you in another text message.

Due to the grant funding coming to an end we will only be able to accept registrations until **Sun 11th April**. We will not be able to provide food vouchers after this date.

If you would like to register for <child's first name>'s voucher but do not have access to the internet, please call the telephone number above and we will register your application over the telephone.

How much will I receive?

You will receive a food voucher of £78 per eligible child.

What can I spend the voucher on?

The voucher is to help you pay for food and milk, but can also be used for other essential items such as nappies and toiletries. You do not need to spend all of voucher in one go, anything you do spend will be deducted from the total remaining on the voucher each time you use it at the supermarket.

Here to help

Coventry Early Years Team may be able to provide support in finding a free childcare place if your child is not already attending a nursery, pre-school or childminder.

Coventry have 8 Family hubs across the city who are able to offer a variety to support to families with children of all ages. Please do get in contact by phoning the Freephone number 0800 887 0545 and a member of your local Family hub will get in touch to have a chat and see how we can help.

What if I need further financial help?

Further help may be available to pay for other items such as energy bills, heating/lighting repairs, water/sewerage bills or to purchase essential items like fridge's, freezers and ovens. For more information follow the link: <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/coronaviruscommunity>

We look forward to receiving your registration and hope that this voucher can go some way to helping support your family with the additional costs you will have experienced due to Covid-19 during the winter/spring period.

Yours Sincerely,



Kirston Nelson
Director of Education & Skills