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Winter 2022

Dear parent/carer,

We know that many people are struggling as a result of rising food and energy bills. To show we are firmly on your side we have detailed in this letter is a package of support for families to stay healthy and happy during the Christmas holidays.

In April this year, we were the only council in the West Midlands to freeze general council tax increases for the next two years, keeping more money in your pocket. This means Telford's residents are paying the lowest council tax in the midlands, for the fifth year running.

Food vouchers

Families with children who receive income-related Free School Meals or early year pupil premium or talking 2's funding, may be eligible for food e-vouchers.

Codes that can be redeemed for e-vouchers will be issued around 12 December.

The vouchers are worth £15 per child per week of the Christmas holidays and can be used at local supermarkets.

For more information about these codes and the food e-vouchers you can obtain by redeeming them, please visit www.telford.gov.uk/fsmvoucher

If you have any issues with claiming your code or receiving/spending the e-voucher(s), please call our voucher provider on **0800 587 2294** or contact them online: www.select-essentials.co.uk/contactus

Happy Healthy Active Holidays returns

You can register now for free holiday clubs this Christmas through Happy Healthy Active Holidays.

The clubs are for primary and secondary school children who receive income-related free school meals.

Each club will have a range of fun activities such as sports, music, and arts and crafts, as well as a free nutritious meal each day.

If you have previously registered, you must log in and update your and your child's personal information, emergency contact details, and email address. You need to do this to make bookings and to ensure contact details are correct should we need to contact you.



**Registration
is now**

OPEN

To register or check
your details, please
visit:

<https://hhah.telford.gov.uk>



**Cost of
living support**

on your side

Find help, support
and advice during the
cost of living crisis by
visiting our...



**Cost
of Living
Hub**

www.telford.gov.uk/costofliving

To register or re-confirm your details, please visit:

<https://hhah.telford.gov.uk>

Once you have registered or re-confirmed your details, we will email you to let you know when bookings are open.

If you have any questions about Happy Healthy Active Holidays, please contact:

holidayactivityhub@telford.gov.uk

Free Swimming Lessons Offer

Free swimming lessons are available at our local leisure centres during the Christmas holidays.

Children who receive income-related free school meals and are not already enrolled on swimming lessons can apply for a place. Make a booking by calling your local leisure centre and quoting the reference **XMASSWIM23**.

Abraham Darby Sports and Leisure Centre – 01952 382770

19 – 23 December 2022

8.30 – 9am **Ducklings**

9 – 9.30am **Stage 1 & 2**

Oakengates Leisure Centre – 01952 382810

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9 – 9.30am **Stage 1 & 2**

Newport Swimming Pool – 01952 382740

19 – 23 December 2022

8.15 – 8.45am **Stage 1 & 2**

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Wellington Civic and Leisure Centre – 01952 382720

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More cost of living support

If you are looking for further support during the current cost of living crisis, we have gathered many different sources of help and advice at: www.telford.gov.uk/costofliving

Best wishes to you and your family,



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