

Dear Parent or Carer,

We wanted to let you know about a few initiatives that may be useful to you over the half-term period:

## Half-term meal vouchers

Families who usually receive free school meals in Wigan Borough should receive direct payments to help pay for food over half-term. If you have not received your payment, please call us on 01942 705221.

## Welfare support

If you or a family you know is in crisis and needs emergency help with gas or electric vouchers, furniture, or food, please call Wigan Council on 01942 705221 or go to www.wigan.gov.uk/localwelfaresupport

## What's On at Home

To support parents and carers through the long lockdown days at home, we are publishing weekday and weekend guides, featuring a few ideas of free, family friendly activities that can easily be done from home.

Go to <a href="www.facebook.com/WiganCouncilOnline">www.facebook.com/WiganCouncilOnline</a> or <a href="www.twitter.com/WiganCouncil">www.twitter.com/WiganCouncil</a> to see the latest guides or search using #WhatsOnAtHome. They are updated every Monday and Saturday.

## Activities for children and young people who are in foster care

Wigan Council's targeted youth support services are running free activities for children and young people who are in foster care. The activities will be run on a one to one or sibling group basis in an environment respectful of COVID-19 guidelines and from a central Wigan venue.

Please contact <u>p.richmond@wigan.gov.uk</u> and <u>k.mcevoy@wigan.gov.uk</u> to book a place.

We hope that these will be helpful and that you have a happy and safe half-term.

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