

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](http://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 [www.facebook.com/WiganCouncilOnline](https://www.facebook.com/WiganCouncilOnline) or [www.twitter.com/WiganCouncil](https://www.twitter.com/WiganCouncil) 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 [p.richmond@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:p.richmond@wigan.gov.uk) and [k.mcevoy@wigan.gov.uk](mailto:k.mcevoy@wigan.gov.uk) to book a place.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Pealing".

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