

Support available for families during the cost of living crisis

Warm spaces

Across the county, there are various public buildings and spaces that are being converted into 'warm spaces' to help those struggling to heat their homes. The links below can help you find a local venue:

[Where to find a warm hub in Leicestershire if you are struggling with the cost of heating your home - Leicestershire Live \(leicestermercury.co.uk\)](#)

[Where can I find a warm place? | Warm places | Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council \(hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk\)](#)

[Leisure centres open as warm hubs - News - Oadby and Wigston Borough Council \(oadby-wigston.gov.uk\)](#)

Free school meals

If your child isn't yet registered for Free School Meals and you receive any of the following benefits, your child may be able to get free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You can apply online: [Free School Meals | Leicestershire County Council](#)

Grants and Charity Support

[Family Fund Mobility Support | Family Fund](#)

[Where to get help with your energy costs - Overview \(familyfund.org.uk\)](#)

[Family Fund | Grants | Grant Items](#)

[Grants For Disability Equipment | Apply Today | Caudwell Children](#)

Food Banks

[Every food bank in Leicestershire and how you can access them over the next few weeks - Leicestershire Live \(leicestermercury.co.uk\)](#)