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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As you may be aware the Welsh Government funding to provide meals to learners eligible for free school meals, which was introduced in response to the COVID pandemic to support families, has now been discontinued and there are no further plans to cover the pending summer holidays in July 2023 or beyond.

We appreciate how difficult the current financial situation is for all families and as such would like to sign post you two useful resources which you may find helpful:

Here to help with the cost of living | GOV.WALES

This page is regularly updated and provides information on possible sources of financial support, including Welsh Government's Discretionary Assistance Fund for people experiencing extreme financial pressures. Here to help with the cost of living.

<u>Advicelink Cymru - Citizens Advice</u> for free impartial advice on maximising their incomes, including accessing any financial support.

The School Holiday Enrichment Programme (SHEP) is a school-based scheme that provides healthy meals, food and nutrition education, physical activity and enrichment sessions to children in areas of socio-economic disadvantage during the school holidays. The programme is managed by WLGA and is promoted to children and families under the 'Food and Fun' brand identity. For further information, please visit 'Food and Fun' School Holiday Enrichment Programme – WLGA.

Kind regards,