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Department: **Community Services**  
Title: **Free school meals**  
Description: **Free school meals over holiday period**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

Is the council providing meals and / or vouchers to support children in receipt of free school meals during the Christmas holiday period?

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

In Hertfordshire, the County Council is the Education and Children's Services authority.

Notwithstanding this I can confirm that Hertfordshire County Council are providing vouchers to support children in receipt of free school meals funded from their Winter Support Grant funding.

Hertsmere Borough Council is also providing hot meals to children please see link to press release for further information - <https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/News/Articles/Nov-2020/Executive-agrees-free-meals-for-schoolchildren-plan-over-Christmas-holidays-plan.aspx>

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