

Food

The City of Edinburgh Council website has information on Free School Meals eligibility.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolgrants>



Breakfast club

Our 'Couthy' school breakfast club is free. Free



places are also available in the private Socialball kids breakfast club.

<http://socialballkids.co.uk/after-school-club-edinburgh/>

Emergency food supplies

can be accessed from food banks.

<https://edinburghfoodproject.org/>

'Discover' is a holiday programme for low income families that provides meals and activities for primary school aged children and their families.

Clothing

School uniform promotes pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging.

These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectations of their peers.

Clothing grants (£120) are provided by the local authority using the same criteria as *Free School Meals*.

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolgrants



The Edinburgh School Uniform Bank distribute bespoke packs of new and nearly new school uniform

<https://edinburghuniform.org/>

Kids Love Clothes provide a selection of clothes for each child referred.

<https://www.kidsloveclothes.co.uk/>

Edinburgh Police Fund for Children provide grants for clothing and footwear

<https://www.elf.org.uk/>

The Edinburgh Clothing Store offer clothing, shoes and bedding

<http://www.edinburghclothingstore.org/>



Hermitage Park Primary's 'money matters'

Information for families about costs and financial supports



The whole learning community of Hermitage Park primary is committed to equity for all.

We work together to identify and overcome financial barriers that families may face in terms of the costs associated with participation and engagement at school.

If you are having financial difficulties, contact the school to help you access some of the supports in the leaflet.

Benefits, debt, bills or housing



Maximise!

Maximise! support families to maximise income, reduce debt, resolve housing issues and gain employment.

<http://www.chaiedinburgh.org.uk/maximise/>

CHAI

CHAI helps and empowers people through high-quality, impartial advice on welfare benefits, housing and debt.

<http://www.chaiedinburgh.org.uk/>

Advice Shop

The Advice Shop offer help with welfare rights. They also offer debt advice to resolve personal debt including credit cards, bank loans, rent arrears, personal loans, store cards, catalogues and mortgage arrears.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/benefits-grants/advice-shop>

Citizens Advice Edinburgh

specialise in Welfare Rights, Debt, Budgeting, Employment, Housing, Energy, Immigration, Consumer Rights and Health.

<https://www.citizensadviceedinburgh.org.uk/>

Family and Household Support

They support health and wellbeing, parenting, neighbour disputes, welfare benefits and housing.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/private-housing/family-household-support-service/1>

Home Energy Scotland

HES check your eligibility for discounts from energy suppliers and support a benefits and tax credit check so you're not missing out on additional income.

<https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/>

Temporary Accommodation and Homelessness

Supports can include digital, school meals, bus passes, counselling for parents and carers and access to sanitary products at home.

Scottish Welfare Fund

They provide crisis grants for living expenses following an emergency or disaster, and Community Care Grants.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/scottishwelfarefund>

One Parent Families Scotland

They provide expert advice, practical support and campaign with single parent families.

<https://opfs.org.uk/>

Grants & Payments

Are you or your child entitled to these payments?

Best Start Grant

The Best Start Grant School Age Payment is £250 to help with the costs of starting school.

If you have a child aged between 2 and 3 ½, you may also qualify for the Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment.

If you are at least 24 weeks pregnant or within 6 months of giving birth, you may also qualify for a Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment.

<https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods/how-to-apply>

Child Disability Payment

This is for children aged between three months and 16 years who live with a disability. Visit <https://www.kindred-scotland.org/> or

<https://www.mygov.scot/child-disability-payment>

