

East Sussex Food Support Survey

Quick Snapshot of the Impact of the End of the Free School Meals Holiday Voucher Scheme

Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to complete this short survey.

East Sussex County Council's Partnership Team is seeking a quick snapshot of the impact on services since the start of the school summer holiday period and the ending of the Free School Meals Holiday Voucher Scheme.

The information gathered will help us better understand any immediate changes in demand and the needs being presented to food support organisations across East Sussex.

Please complete the survey by Thursday 6 August 2026.

Our intention is to undertake a more comprehensive survey at the end of the summer to help inform the future development of the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) programme. It would therefore be helpful to continue capturing this type of information for future reference where possible.

1. Name of the organisation:
2. Which best describes your organisation:
 - ☐ Food Bank
 - ☐ Food Pantry
 - ☐ Community food partnership
 - ☐ Community Hub
 - ☐ Faith Organization
 - ☐ Charity
 - ☐ Community Interest Company
 - ☐ Other (please specify):
3. Which District or Borough do you mainly serve?
 - ☐ Eastbourne
 - ☐ Hastings
 - ☐ Lewes
 - ☐ Rother
 - ☐ Wealden
 - ☐ Countywide
 - ☐ Other (please specify):

Current Demand and Need

4. Since the start of the school summer holiday, how has demand for your services changed?
 - ☐ Increased significantly
 - ☐ Increased slightly
 - ☐ Stayed the same
 - ☐ Decreased slightly
 - ☐ Decreased significantly

5. Since the start of the school summer holiday, approximately, how many additional families do you estimate have sought support from your service because of the school holiday voucher scheme ending?

☐ Number (if known)

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☐ Unknown

Understanding need of these families

6. How many of these families are
- ☐ presenting in crisis – ‘experiencing a financial shock’ that would be considered eligible for a crisis payment award
 - ☐ experiencing general ongoing challenges related to the cost-of-living but not experiencing a crisis that would require immediate need
7. What additional support or measures has your organisation put in place in response to this demand?
8. Is there any further information you would want to share that will inform the snapshot of need at this point?