



2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, NW9 4EW  
12 November 2020  
Our ref: 6778408

Thank you for your request received on 11 November 2020, for the following information:

**I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and/or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I am emailing on behalf of the Co-operative Party.**

**I am keen to know what the council intends to do to support children in receipt of Free School Meals during the Christmas period. To this end my Fol request is:**

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

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Response**

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below.

The government have just announced the Winter Food Grant. We don't have all the information as yet and we will follow government guidance and work with schools and other partners to identify children and families who require support under this grant and administering funds to them.

The WFG is wider than just food it is also intended to support energy bills and other aspects for a family and is not just for children in receipt of FSMs so that children under 5 for example can be included.

We continue to work closely with Voluntary Community Services partners including those who deliver holiday activities and foodbanks to have a holistic approach to supporting families who require help at this time

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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