



Lochgelly High School– Financial Support for Families – Web Links



Now that we are exiting the height of the recent Covid-19 pandemic and the full effects are impacting many of the families in our local community, we here at Lochgelly High School are trying to mitigate the negative impact of Covid-19 in any way that we can.

The following links may provide support or further information for families and young people facing financial difficulties. These include Free School Meals, Clothing Grants, information about the Educational Maintenance Allowance, Trust Funds, Food Banks and Emergency Food Supplies, Period Poverty and COVID-19 support for families.

1. **Fife Council – Free School Meals and School Clothing Grants**
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/free-school-meals-and-school-clothing-grants>
2. **Fife Council – Educational Maintenance Allowance**
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/education2/schools-in-fife/funding/educational-maintenance-allowance>
3. **Social Security Scotland – Best Start Grants and Best Start Food.** Includes:
Pregnancy and baby Payment
Early Learning Payment
School Age Payment
Best Start Food Payment Card
<https://www.mygov.scot/best-start-grant-best-start-foods>
4. **Social Security Scotland – Scottish Child Payment.** This is a weekly payment of £10 that families can get for every child that they look after who is under 6 years of age.
<https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment>
Social Security Scotland – 0800 182 2222
5. **Young Carers Grant.** A yearly payment of £305.10 for young carers aged between 16-18 years old in Scotland.
<https://www.mygov.scot/young-carer-grant>
6. **Job Start Payment.** This supports 16-24 year olds, who have been out of work and receiving one or more qualifying benefits for at least 6 months.
<https://www.gov.scot/policies/social-security/job-start-payment/>
7. **Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund.** This provides grants to help families with children (aged 21 and younger) who are suffering extreme hardship. This includes the impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The usual grant is £50 per child.
[Aberlour Urgent Assistance Fund - grants for families experiencing poverty](#)

8. **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Test and Protect.** This provides information for people who are asked to self-isolate because of COVID-19 and the Support Grant of £500.
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/pages/support-grants/>
9. **Citizen's Advice Fife.** Can provide advice on financial issues.
<https://www.cabfife.org.uk/index.php>
10. **The Money Advice Service.** Advice and guidance on how to improve finances.
<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>
11. **The Trussell Trust.** Can help to provide emergency food for three days, can direct you to your nearest foodbank and can help you search for financial grants which you may be entitled to.
<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>
12. **Crises Grants and Community Care Grants.** Various grants are available to support families and young people over the age of 16 in emergencies, including settling into life outside of care.
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/benefits-and-money-advice/crisis-and-community-care-grants>
13. **Period Poverty.** Access to free sanitary products, including reusable products.
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/welfare,-benefits-and-money-advice/period-poverty>
14. **Universal Credit.** To claim Universal Credit.
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/docs/articles/benefits-and-money-advice/universal-credit>
15. **Welfare Rights Service.** Advice from Fife Council on benefits and money advice.
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/welfare,-benefits-and-money-advice>
16. **Fife Council Housing.** Can help families find a home and provide information around housing.
<https://www.fife.gov.uk/kb/housing>
17. **Cosy Kingdom.** A free and impartial debt service to help Fife tenants and homeowners manage their heating costs.
<https://www.cosykingdom.org.uk/>
18. **Scarf.** Helps Fife residents to live warmer and reduce bills.
<https://www.scarf.org.uk/>

19. Independent Living Fund (ILF). The ILF Transition Fund helps young people (age 16-25) living with disabilities, with the transition after leaving school or children's services to be more independent and continue spending time with other people.
<https://ilf.scot/transition-fund/>

20. National Debtline. Free impartial debt advice.
www.nationaldebtline.org

21. Turn2Us. Helps people in financial hardship to gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and support services.
www.turn2us.org.uk

22. Scotland's Financial Health Service. Find a local money advisor.
www.scotlandsfinancialhealthservice.gov.uk

