

## **October 2020 Half Term Special Update**

### **Dear Parents' Voice Supporter**

This is a short update dedicated to half term. We hope some of the links to information may be useful to you.

Please note that this document is a compilation of three emails sent out on 23rd, 24th and 25th October 2020; the second and third emails contained additional information about people/groups/organisations offering help with food during half term.

### **Free School Meals:**

For any families whose children receive free school meals, various businesses and organisations are organising food for children in need during half term. If you know anyone whose children may qualify, please pass on this information to them (NB: this information is provided in good faith, but please check details with the organisations). At the time of writing these are still being set up, but the ones we know about are:

Ma Baker, in Cranham Drive, Worcester is offering a free filled roll or hot pastry to any child who is going to struggle during the break. You can call the mobile number on the website (<http://mabaker.net/>) so you don't have to ask in the shop (a Justgiving page has been set up towards funding this). More details here:

<https://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/18816942.worcester-bakery-offering-free-food-support-marcus-rashford-campaign/>

Edit Sun 25th: From Monday morning they can offer free breakfast too to any families that are finding it hard. "Bring your kids down for a bacon roll! Just say " I've come for my order of bacon rolls" and we'll take care of you. No questions!"

The Shop at the Top, Callow End (<https://www.shopatthetop.co.uk/>)

Rasoi Cottage, Castleditch Lane, Redditch (<https://www.rasoicottage.co.uk/>). Any child aged between 4 to 16 years can come between 4pm to 6pm from Saturday 24th October 2020 to Sunday 1st November 2020 (8 days in total) to collect a free chicken or vegetarian curry with a rice or chips. Just turn up in a safe manner with an adult (if you are very young).

Gallery36 in Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern (<https://www.gallery36malvern.co.uk/>); free meals from the Kids' Menu 28th - 31st October between 4pm - 6pm (must be pre-booked). Email [info@gallery36malvern.co.uk](mailto:info@gallery36malvern.co.uk).

What Makes You Different Makes You Beautiful in Malvern is arranging lunches for some families already registered with them.

Evesham Adventure Playground Association

(<http://www.eveshamadventureplayground.btck.co.uk/>); pick up a takeaway meal between 12pm - 1pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/Evesham-Adventure-Playground-Association-159311870753733>

**Pack It In - Zero Waste Living**, Worcester- hand out packs of essentials pasta, oats, sugar from Monday - Saturday. You need to be pre-booked - please message or ring the shop. 01905 612797.

<http://www.packitin-zerowasteliving.co.uk/>

**Wyre Forest Phoenix FC** are offering anyone within their community who needs it, a free packed lunch. Delivered to your door, no questions asked, no judgement, never mentioned again. Drop them a message and let them help. Lunch consists of a sandwich, crisps, fruit, yoghurt and a bottle of water. Cut off for next day delivery is 4pm the day before. Please let them know of any allergies when messaging. [info@wyreforestphoenixfc.com](mailto:info@wyreforestphoenixfc.com), <http://www.wyreforestphoenixfc.com/>.

**Rainbow Hill Chippy**, Worcester 3pm - 4pm Mon 26th - Fri 30th October, free meal for children aged 12 or under who need it. Quote code RHCSCHOOLMEAL when ordering. Options are: Kid's small plain sausage and chips, Kid's small battered sausage and chips, Kid's fishcake and chips, Kid's nuggets and chips, chips (available for vegetarians). No questions will be asked and you won't be asked to buy anything. Any customers who would like to help the scheme can ask for the cost of a meal to be added to their order when they're in the shop. <http://rainbowhillchippy.weebly.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/Rainbow-Hill-Chippy-142852492447456>

**Poolbrook Kitchen & Coffee Shop**, 118 Poolbrook Road, Malvern. They will be providing a packed lunch (Sandwich, Yogurt, Fruit, Cake or Cookie & Juice), available for collection from 12pm. The lunches need to be pre-ordered by midday the day before you require them. This can via an email to [poolbrookcafe@gmail.com](mailto:poolbrookcafe@gmail.com) or TEXT details to 07522 751 448 - please note that if you do not get an acknowledgement of receipt from your email or text it means they haven't received the order. (They cannot take orders over the Phone.) If you can include the following details Name of Child/Day/days required (available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week) Choice of sandwich filling - Ham, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Strawberry Jam.

<http://www.poolbrookkitchen.co.uk/>

Charity LikeU Worcester aims to prepare a lunchbox for every child who needs it. If you know of anyone who needs help, please ask them to get in touch - or refer them yourselves - at [helpyourneighbour.co.uk](http://helpyourneighbour.co.uk)! (They want to make the meals fresh and nutritious, so need to know in advance!) The Helpboxes will be available to collect at: Ma Baker, 12 Cranham Drive, WR4 9PA Groszek Market, 38 Lowesmoor WR1 2SG and Worcester Steak and Grill House, 12 Corn Market, WR1 2DF. Also, Like U volunteers can deliver them if it's a problem for you.

<https://www.facebook.com/Like-U-108654077558455>

<https://likeu.org.uk/>, email [info@likeu.org.uk](mailto:info@likeu.org.uk)

If you live in Worcester, Molly and Jazmine (who work at Tesco in Warndon Villages, Worcester) are offering a free packed lunch for any Worcester child in need on Wednesday 28th October. They want to help out the community to make sure that no one is struggling to eat over half term! They will ask no questions and complete confidentiality will be ensured. The lunches will be prepared in a clean, sanitary environment in the Tesco kitchen. Lunches will include:

A ham/cheese/tuna/sandwich; a packet of crisps (ready salted, salt and vinegar or cheese and onion); a banana/orange/apple; a fruit yogurt; small treat; Fruit shoot or water bottle.

They are taking pre orders from NOW until Tuesday evening on 07725442593. Please text how many packed lunches you need, what you would like from the list and if you would prefer to collect or have it delivered and one of them will be in contact to confirm this. Do inform them of any allergies too! They say "Please do not be embarrassed or ashamed, this is open to ANYONE who would like a helping hand during the half term and this extremely stressful period." Please note that this is for the Worcester area only. (Tesco are donating the fruit and allowing them to use their hygienic space!)

[The Orchard Cafe, Worcester](#) are offering a free bowl of pasta; "If you know a child that is going to struggle to eat over the half term, please send them our way for a bowl of pasta. Please don't be embarrassed or proud. Use the take away order point and simply ask for a half term special."

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\\_fbid=10158894626213086&id=350259823085](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=10158894626213086&id=350259823085) <http://www.theorchardcafe.co.uk/>

Free Healthy Snack at Perdiswell Skate Park, Worcester for under 12's. 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (26th - 28th October). No need to book, just turn up.

<http://www.pyplc.co.uk/>

[Worcester Learning Zone](#), New Street, Worcester; "Over half term, we will have a loaf of bread to make sandwiches, a multipack of crisps, a bowl of fruit and some lunchbox treats in our kitchen. We will happily make up a lunch box for any family who usually have school dinners. Please just pop in and ask Carys, Clancy or Kirsty and we will make you a sandwich and some snacks to take away. No child should have an empty stomach over half term. We are open from 11am to 5pm each day this week. Just come in and ask for a lunchbox and we will have one ready for you, no proof required, no questions asked."

<https://worcestertutors.co.uk/> <https://www.facebook.com/WorcesterTutors>

Megan Fogarty has contacted us to say "I am currently doing packed lunches for two children, but I have enough resources for 5-10 children, so if anyone in the Dines Green area (Worcester) needs a packed lunch next week I am happy to do it and drop it off to them!" Please PM Megan direct on Facebook if this would help you.

We'd just like to say Thank You and well done to everyone involved in all the above schemes - your compassion proves that even in difficult times there are still wonderful people out there who care about others.

Online events/activities (for children and parents):

[River Kids Learning Hub](https://bit.ly/35vJHTc), 10am - 5pm 26th October, A day packed with exciting fish and river-themed activities: <https://bit.ly/35vJHTc>.

[Microsoft free online workshops](https://bit.ly/3mglfef) for ages 8+ (eg; minecraft, digital photography, Smithsonian experience): <https://bit.ly/3mglfef>.

Worcestershire Children First, Worcestershire Spooks Safely Fun Pack:

<http://bit.ly/WCFhal20>

The National Careers Service Virtual Career Fairs (for 16+ and 18+) talks and virtual stalls are still available until the end of October. Find them here: <https://bit.ly/GOVcarfair> (although the dates are in the past you have to register to access the content).

Worcestershire Health and Care NHS trust's next [free online session](https://bit.ly/WHCTsch20) is on Monday 26th October and is about Managing change for Children and Young People with ASD. This is followed on Wednesday 28th October by Building Relationships. More sessions have been added until the end of November. You can find out more and book a place for any of the sessions here: <https://bit.ly/WHCTsch20>

Worcestershire County Council has a number of free online courses for parents beginning after half term, including:

Time for You - <https://bit.ly/3mgilr5>

Gruffalo's Child Arty Adventures - <https://bit.ly/35ts0DV>

Stick Man Stories - <https://bit.ly/3dW2wmG>

Activities:

Some activities and events are taking place with covid-secure precautions in place, these are just a few of them.

[Where's Wally Spooky Museum Search](https://bit.ly/2FUwmvb), Worcester Museum and Art Gallery:  
<https://bit.ly/2FUwmvb> (finishes 31st October)

Tudor House, Worcester All Things Fall craft packs/activities, £1:

<https://www.tudorhouse.org.uk/event/all-things-fall/>

Well Dressing for All Souls Day, Malvern:

<https://www.visitthemaalverns.org/blog/all-souls-day-well-dressing-blessing/>.

That's all for this update, thank you for reading it!

You are welcome to share this email (or parts of it) with your friends or groups, but please mention that it came from [Parents' Voice](#) if you do, thanks.

Thank you for your continued support in 2020, we really do appreciate it :)

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