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Dear Parent/ Carer,

We have been asked by Welsh Government (WG) to inform you that there will not be any further extension to the school holiday Free School Meal provision.

This means that unfortunately **there will not be any direct payments or supermarket vouchers provided to families eligible for free school meals**, **for the summer holiday period or for subsequent holiday periods.**

This scheme was introduced in response to the COVID pandemic as a form of time-limited support to families. This was then extended due to the current Cost of Living crisis, although WG have confirmed they are no longer able to continue these arrangements effective immediately.

Should you require additional support with costs please be aware of the following useful online resources which are updated regularly and provide useful information on possible sources of financial support, including the Discretionary Assistance Fund for people experiencing extreme financial pressures.

Get help with the cost of living | GOV.WALES

This WG webpage is regularly updated and provides information on possible sources of financial support, including our Discretionary Assistance Fund for people experiencing extreme financial pressures.

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This campaign seeks to encourage people to contact Advicelink Cymru - Citizens Advice for free impartial advice on maximising their incomes, including accessing any financial support.

For further help and advice around cost of living support within Merthyr Tydfil, please visit www.merthyr.gov.uk/resident/cost-of-living-support-and-advice

Thank you

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Annwyl Riant/ Ofalwr,

Mae Llywodraeth Cymru (LlC) wedi gofyn i ni eich hysbysu na fydd estyniad pellach i ddarpariaeth Cinio am Ddim.

Mae hyn yn golygu yn anffodus **na fydd taliadau pellach na thalebau archfarchnad yn cael eu darparu i deuluoedd sy'n gymwys i dderbyn cinio am ddim, yn ystod cyfnod gwyliau'r haf a gwyliau eraill sydd i ddod.**

Cyflwynwyd y cynllun hwn fel ymateb i'r pandemig COVID fel dull amser penodol i gefnogi teuluoedd. Estynnwyd hyn oherwydd yr argyfwng Costau Byw, ond mae LlC wedi cadarnhau nad ydynt yn gallu parhau gyda'r trefniadau hyn o nawr.

Os oes angen cymorth pellach arnoch gyda chostau, hoffem eich hysbysu am yr adnoddau ar-lein canlynol sy'n cael eu diweddaru'n rheolaidd ac sy'n cynnig gwybodaeth am gefnogaeth ariannol posib, yn cynnwys y Gronfa Gefnogaeth Ddewisol ar gyfer pobl sy'n wynebu anawsterau ariannol.

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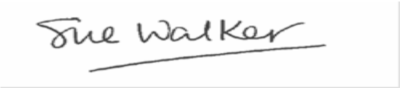
Mae'r ymgyrch hon yn annog pobl i gysylltu gydag Advicelink Cymru - Citizens Advice am gyngor diduedd am wneud y mwyaf o'u hincwm yn cynnwys derbyn cefnogaeth ariannol.

Am fwy o help a chyngor am gefnogaeth gyda chostau byw ym Merthyr Tudful ewch at www.merthyr.gov.uk/resident/cost-of-living-support-and-advice

Diolch yn Fawr



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Merthyr Tydfil
... a place to be proud of

Croesawn ohebu yn Gymraeg a fydd gohebu yn y Gymraeg ddim yn arwain at oedi. Rhowch wybod inni beth yw'ch dewis iaith e.e Cymraeg neu'n ddwyieithog.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh and corresponding with us in Welsh will not lead to a delay. Let us know your language choice if Welsh or bilingual.