







COVID Winter Grant Scheme


Are you working with families or other households who need extra support this winter?





The Winter Grant Scheme is new funding available from December 2020 until 31 March 2021 to support families with children, other vulnerable households, and individuals.



The funding is ring fenced to support those most in need with the cost of food, energy and water bills and other essential items.



We have already identified and written to over 7,000 families who are in receipt of Free School Meals covering over 11,000 children asking them to complete a simple form to claim support with food, utility costs and a one off Christmas bonus in time for the Christmas holidays.



Details overleaf...

The Winter Grant Scheme

As well as supporting the families identified we will also be able to offer additional support and apply our enhanced Welfare Support offer to other vulnerable household during the winter months, this would include:

- Other families
- Households without children
- Individuals
- Care Leavers

The above list is not exhaustive.

Our existing welfare support offer already includes:

- Gas and Electricity Vouchers
- Furniture packages
- Referrals into local food banks
- Income maximisation and advice

In additional to what we already provide we have enhanced our offer to include:

- Increasing the value of the gas and electricity vouchers
- White goods to allow families to store and prepare meals safely
- Aldi food vouchers
- Asda e-vouchers for help towards buying warm bedding and blankets
- Asda e-vouchers for help towards buying winter coats

To access the extended Welfare Support offer you simply need to send an email to welfaresupport@wigan.gov.uk and include the following information about the household or individual needing support:

Name

Address

Postcode

Contact Number

Email address

What support they need

Our residents are also able to access and apply for support themselves by visiting www.wigan.gov.uk/localwelfaresupport or alternatively can contact us Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on 01942 705221.

