

# HITCHIN FOOD PROVISION



***If your work circumstances have changed due to current restrictions, impacting your financial circumstances, we can provide some financial help to buy food.***

<b>Qualifying Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have been furloughed, become unemployed, self-employed and not able to work or have significantly reduced hours as a result of Covid-19 lockdown.</li> <li>• Living in Hitchin or surrounding Hitchin village.</li> <li>• Have applied for Universal Credits* as a result of unexpected changes in employment and are <u>waiting</u> for first payment.</li> </ul>
<b>It is simple to apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Send an email to <a href="mailto:foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk">foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk</a> and request a <b>self-referral form</b>.</li> <li>• You can download the form from <a href="http://www.hitchinpartnership.org">www.hitchinpartnership.org</a> (it is a pdf so will need printing if you are unable to convert)</li> <li>• The form asks for a few essential details; we can call you back if you need any assistance.</li> <li>• Complete the form and send by email.</li> </ul>
<b>What happens next?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You will receive an acknowledgement within 48 hours (M-F).</li> <li>• The vouchers are issued towards the end of the month to qualifying individuals/families.</li> <li>• We may signpost you to other support offered by our partners if you do not meet our criteria.</li> </ul>

**We encourage you to speak to your child/children's school if you have any concerns.**

*\*If you are in receipt of Benefits/Universal Credits and are having financial difficulties, you can:*

<b>Contact your child's school</b>	Herts Help 0300 123 4044 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday <a href="mailto:info@hertshelp.net">info@hertshelp.net</a>	Citizens Advice 01462 689801 or 0800 1448848, <a href="https://www.northhertscab.org.uk/">https://www.northhertscab.org.uk/</a>
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**ENQUIRIES: [foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk](mailto:foodprovision-hitchin@wilshere.herts.sch.uk)**

**Hitchin Food Provision Team** have been supporting families since the beginning of the first lockdown thanks to the support of local grants, organisations, charities and public donations.

Hitchin Partnership CIO, Hitchin Youth Trust, Hitchin Volunteer Army, Zeo Church,  
Rotary Club of Hitchin Tilehouse, Round Table Hitchin.



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<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/food4hitchin>