



# Walsall Council

## Revenues & Benefits

**Reference:** HSF

**Date:** 16/01/2024

### **Attn: Head Teachers**

#### **Household Support Fund**

Walsall Council received a further £5.6 million in additional government funding to support the most vulnerable residents with cost-of-living.

We have spent 4.9 million which has supported over 10,000 households but still have funding available until 31/3/24.

We are trying to reach the most vulnerable households in Walsall and as your teachers come into direct contact with some of these families, we would be grateful if you could sign post them into making an online claim.

The fund is available to households within Walsall and the full criteria can be found on the Walsall website <https://go.walsall.gov.uk/benefits/household-support-fund>

Should families require assistance in accessing or completing the online form they can attend their local Walsall Connected site. It would be advisable to call ahead to check with local centres for availability. The Walsall Connected sites can be found at:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/people-and-communities/walsall-connected-get-help-get-online>

Please note these families do not need to be in receipt of benefit to be eligible for assistance. If they are in receipt of benefits these payments of benefit will not be affected by any award of HSF. If families have already received an award of HSF but are still struggling, they can make a further application.

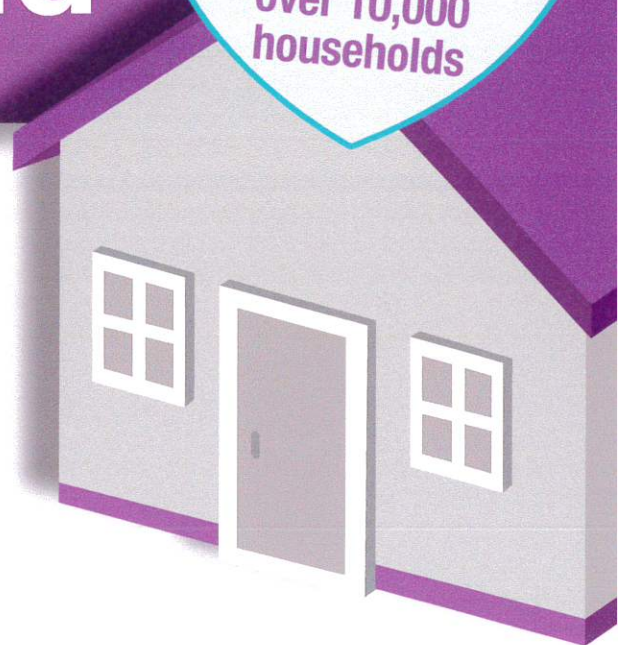
We have enclosed leaflets that can be given out and thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

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**If you are struggling with money & need help with household bills/food/essential items?**

The council has **£660k funding still available to help residents.**

- You do not need to be in receipt of benefits to be eligible – see our website for full criteria
- If you are in receipt of benefits these will not be affected by the Household Support Fund
- If you have claimed previously this does not prevent you from making a new claim if you are in further crisis.

**You can make a claim** by scanning the QR code, visiting the link below or alternatively if you need assistance making a claim contact your local hub.

<https://walsall.apply4.online/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/Requests/QuickSchemeLink/165BU3>



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Your Nearest Walsall Connected Hub: