Edinburgh School closures — Council offer help with free school meals

Free school meals are available as a part of the package to place pupils in alternative accommodation while their schools are closed. But the council have also explained that another kind of financial help is available to families who are affected. This statement is on their website this morning:

We have been made aware that some families who rely on free school meals approached city food banks as a result of schools being closed. As such, funds from the <u>Scottish</u> <u>Welfare Fund</u> will be made available to families in need.

Funds will be distributed to affected families directly, via school head teachers, as pupils return to school arrangements.

Families in severe crisis can <u>apply for a grant</u> online via this fund or by calling

0131 529 5299

We envisage all pupils returning to school arrangements by Tuesday 19 April.