



We are committed to supporting our school community. The links below provide information on financial supports available to families that may be of value.

Further information can be provided by East Renfrewshire Council's [Money Advice and Rights Team \(MART\)](#).

[East Renfrewshire Larder](#)

[East Renfrewshire Foodbank](#)

[Clothing Grants and Free School Meals](#)

If your child will be in S1, S4, S5 or S6 from August you need to apply again.

[Education Maintenance Allowance](#)

Education Maintenance Allowance is a weekly payment of £30 to help support a student in education beyond the school leaving age of 16.

[Scottish Child Payment](#)

Scottish Child Payment is a payment made to families on low incomes in Scotland who have children under 6 years of age.

[Child Benefit](#)

Child Benefit is a payment that is made in respect of a child (a child under the age of 16) or qualifying young person (a young person under the age of 20 who is in full time non advanced education or approved training).

[Scottish Welfare Fund](#)

Crisis grants and community care grants

[Child Disability Payment](#)

Child Disability Benefit was introduced in November 2021 and replaced Disability Living Allowance for children.

The payment has been developed to help with the extra costs of caring for a child or a young person who has a disability or health condition.

[Child Winter Heating Assistance](#)

Child Winter Heating Assistance was introduced by the Scottish Government. It is a payment to help disabled children and young people and their families with increased heating costs over winter if they are in receipt of a qualifying benefit.

[Cold weather Payment](#)

Cold Weather Payments will be made when the temperature in your area is either recorded as, or forecast to be, an average of zero degrees Celsius or below over 7 consecutive days. You need to be in receipt of certain benefits to be eligible for a cold weather payment.

[Discretionary Housing Payment](#)

DHP can help if your rent isn't covered by your Housing Benefit award or housing costs award through Universal Credit. You need to:

- Be receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit with housing costs
- Have a shortfall between that award and your rent

[Employment and Support Allowance](#)

Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) is a benefit for adults whose ability to work is limited through ill health or disability. You can apply if you're employed, self-employed or unemployed.

[Carer's allowance](#)

Carer's Allowance is a benefit paid to people who regularly spend at least 35 hours per week caring for someone who is disabled (the person you care for must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit)

[Carer's allowance supplement](#)

Carer's Allowance Supplement is an extra payment from the Scottish Government to carers in Scotland who are receiving a full or partial Carer's Allowance payment from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP).

[Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods](#)

Best Start Grant and Best Start Foods are payments that help towards the cost of being pregnant or looking after a child. Best Start Grants consist of 3 one off payments (a pregnancy and baby payment, an early learning payment and a school age payment).

[Benefits](#)

Benefits and financial support if you are on a low income, looking for work, have a health condition or temporary unable to work.

[Parental Employability Support Fund](#)

If you are a working parent on a low income or would like to get a better paid job and increase your family income call 07920781991 or email naomi.nicol@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk