Cost of Living for Residents

Whether you are struggling to pay bills or are concerned about food and rising energy costs we have a range of support available to help you through the current cost of living pressures many people are experiencing.

The Government has a ‘Help for Households’ programme which includes information on discounts, support and offers by national shops and stores.

There is also a Benefits Calculator, which you can use to find out what benefits you are entitled to, via us or anywhere else.

Back To School Payment 2026

This scheme is available to Wealden residents who have responsibility for one or more school-aged children to help with essential back-to-school costs, such as school uniforms, shoes, stationary etc.

This is a Wealden time-limited scheme providing a one-off payment to eligible households, and is awarded on a first come first served basis while funding is available.

The payment is £50 for each eligible child and is made by BACS to the applicant.

Eligibility criteria:

An applicant must:

-be 18 years old or over and live within the Wealden District with their child or children in the same household

-have responsibility for one or more school-age children and be able to provide proof of child benefit or that a child is solely in their care, living in the same household and has day-to-day responsibility for the child or children

-receive at least one of the following qualifying welfare benefits: Universal Credit, Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance (income based), Employment and Support Allowance (income based), Pension Credit, Housing benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Disability living allowance, Personal Independence Payments, Carers Allowance, Attendance Allowance

-submit only one application per household

The link to make your application is below

Back to School Payment

Back to School Payment FAQs for Residents

Please use the quick code 658CAM

Please note that this scheme is only open from Tuesday 18th August 2026 until midnight on Tuesday 8th September 2026, or sooner if funds are fully depleted.