



## St. Luke's Cost-of-living support

### Contact your local Citizen's Advice Bureau or Family Hub

#### Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB)

You don't have to be a UK citizen to get support from your local CAB, you just need to be a resident of the local area. The CAB can help you with:

- Getting benefits or other financial support organised
- Accessing support for essential costs (food, bills, rent)

Visit the [Citizens Advice](#)'s website or contact your local branch to book an appointment :

**20 Freemasons Rd, London · 020 8525 6377**

#### Family Hub

Contact your local Family Hub to get help accessing all the support you might need at **Community Links 105 Barking Road, Newham , London, E16 4HQ - 020 7473 2270**

### Check you're paying the right amount of tax

Make sure you're on the right tax code. If you aren't you might be due a refund. Use the [Money Saving Expert's](#) free tax code calculator to find out.

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### Claim any benefits you're entitled to

Use 1 of these benefits calculators to determine whether there are any benefits you could be claiming:

- [Turn2us](#)
- [Policy in Practice](#)
- [Support for migrant families](#) – use this calculator if you are a migrant family, or if you have no recourse to public funds

You may be able to get benefits paid early if you're already feeling the squeeze - this is known as 'a short-term benefit advance' - you will need to contact the **Department for Work and Pensions:**

**(DWP)/Canning Town Job Centre, 197 Freemasons Road, Newham, London E16 0800 169 0190**

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### Check you've received all the government's cost of living payments

The government's [cost of living payment](#) is available for those receiving certain benefits or tax credits. You don't need to apply for these – if you're eligible the money should go straight into your account.

If you think you're due a payment, but haven't received one – [report a missing payment](#) to the government here.

**Be aware of scams!** If you receive any emails, texts or phone calls asking you to fill in an application form or asking for your bank details to receive a cost of living payment, **do not talk to**

**them or send a reply.** Get more information on [cost of living scams](#) on the Money Saving Expert's website

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### Find out what help you can get with your energy bills

Take a look at these resources from [Simple Energy Advice](#), the [British Gas Energy Trust](#) and the [Money Saving Expert](#) website.

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### Let us know if your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM)

If your child is eligible for free school meals (FSM) you need to get them registered. This will allow them to get a free meal at school, and we'll get extra funding to support your child's learning. Ask at the school office for help on checking to see if your child qualifies.

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### See what other support you can get from your local authority

Local authorities have lots of different schemes that you might be eligible for, including:

- The [holiday activities and food programme](#) – access to food and activities over the school holidays
  - [Help with transport to school](#)
  - [Help with the cost of uniform](#)
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### Get free or low-cost food

If you're worried about not having enough food to feed your family, you're not alone. There are a number of places offering support.

- **The school runs a breakfast club for YR-Y6 that is free to parents if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Grant .**
  - If you have a child under 4, and meet the eligibility criteria, you may be entitled to [healthy start food vouchers](#)
  - Find a local foodbank with these websites: [Bankuet](#), [The Independent Food Aid Network](#), the [Trussell Trust](#), or your local [community fridge](#) or go to the:  
**River Christian Centre Foodbank Vincent Street E16 1LZ – 07492588833**
  - Use food waste apps and websites like [Olio](#) (for free food and household items from your local community), [Too Good To Go](#) (for low cost food from local restaurants), or [Low Price Foods](#) (food that has passed its best before date, but is still safe to consume)
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### Further information

- Contact [StepChange](#), if you're struggling with debt
  - Contact [Shelter](#) if you're having issues related to housing
  - Get free household goods on [Freecycle](#)
  - Contact the [Salvation Army](#) for emergency assistance
  - See if you're eligible for [grants from Turn2us](#)
  - Single parents can get support from [Gingerbread](#)
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