



Support to make the most of your money and find help if you need it

At Sandwell Council, we're determined to do everything we can at a local level to support people as the cost of living rises.

If you need it, you'll find useful information and support from the council and local organisations on our [Cost of Living Help section of the council website](#).

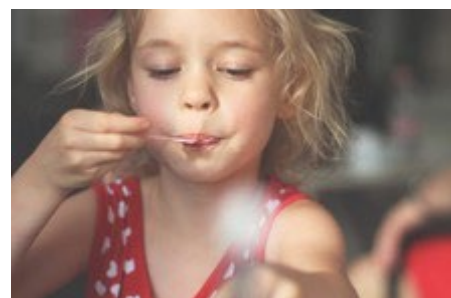
And if you're one of the thousands of households in Council Tax Band A to D that haven't yet applied for the Energy Bills Rebate, [please apply now online](#).

Read on for more information about what the council is doing to help people with the cost of living.

What is the council doing?

Sandwell Council will distribute £3.4million to pensioners on low incomes and families with children as the cost of living continues to rise.

Children who get free school meals will receive food vouchers worth £15 each week over the six-week summer holiday. These vouchers will be issued by schools.





And pensioners on low incomes will receive a £110 assistance payment, while a further £180,000 will be invested in helping households in crisis. Letters will go to eligible pensioners in the coming weeks and the payment can be collected directly from the Post

Office.

The council's £3.4million commitment, which is funded by the [Household Support Fund](#), will see more than 30,000 Sandwell households receive financial help.

What other help is available?

**Apply for
the
Energy
Bills
Rebate**



Energy Bills Rebate - apply now

Anyone living in a Council Tax Band A-D property should [apply for their £150 Energy Bills Rebate](#) if they haven't already. Thousands of Sandwell households have yet to apply and online applications close on 31 July 2022.

**Are you
entitled to
Pension
Credit?**



Check if you are eligible for Pension Credit

Many pensioners are eligible for Pension Credit and don't realise.

This could make a real difference to your income.

[Check if you are eligible.](#)



Get more help and advice if you need it

Find [other help and advice from the council and other local organisations in one place on the council website](#). There's lots of information available, from energy saving tips and how to access food, to benefits advice and free childcare.

