## **Emergency Provisions March 2020**

#### Money

Scottish Welfare Fund for Scottish Welfare fund Crisis or Welfare Grant 0131 270 5600 or online <a href="https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/18/the-scottish-welfare-fund-application-forms">https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/download/18/the-scottish-welfare-fund-application-forms</a> The Scottish Welfare Fund offer two types of grant:

- Crisis Grants may help if you are in crisis because of a disaster, like a fire or flood, or an emergency such as losing all your money or having to visit a sick child in hospital.
- Community Care may help if you are about to leave care to live on your own in the community, or to help if you are struggling to provide a safe and secure home for your family.

Advice available from Telephone: 0131 271 3201 or Email: revenues.enquiries@midlothian.gov.uk

#### Universal Credit – New applicants can get an immediate advance on their benefits

https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit/get-an-advance-first-payment

#### Fuel - Information and hardship advice

**Coronavirus -** if you can't afford to top up because you're using more energy:

- Tell your supplier if you can't afford to pay for any extra energy you're using because you're having to stay at home.
- This includes if you're ill with coronavirus or following guidance to stay at home and 'self-isolate'.
- You'll find your supplier's contact details on their website or on your bill.

https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills-s/

### Local Help

# Many areas / communities and Community Council are trying to help vulnerable / self –isolating people – please contact

- Midlothian Voluntary Action for advice and information. 4-6 White Hart St, Dalkeith EH22 1AE 0131 663 9471
- Or check your local Community council Facebook page or others e.g. Gorebridge Community Fridge or What's on in Dalkeith / Bonnyrigg etc.
- Contact Midlothian Co-ordination on <a href="CLL@midlothian.gov.uk">CLL@midlothian.gov.uk</a> who are collating a list of local helpers across the authority.

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| Food | AREA  | PROVIDER   | Contact  |  |
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|      | Dalkeith Area  Will not provide food during school holiday periods e.g Easter/summer as provision already been made for lunch packs   | Dalkeith<br>Storehouse<br>including Danderhall,<br>Woodburn &<br>Pathhead.                 | Contact Children & Families for<br>Advice on how to refer. 0131 271<br>3414<br>Children & Families<br>Midlothian Council<br>Children & Families Centre<br>7 Eskdaill Court<br>Dalkeith<br>EH22 1AG | Will deliver same day or within 24 hours Please note when calling, any specifics e.g. washing powder / nappies etc Will not provide food during school holiday periods e.g Easter                            |
|      | Newbattle Area Will not provide food during school holiday periods e.g Easter/summer as provision already been made for lunch packs   | Newbattle Storehouse Including: Mayfield Easthouses, Kippielaw, Newbattle and Newtongrange | Contact Children & Families for<br>Advice on how to refer. 0131 271<br>3414  | Will deliver same day or within 24 hours Please note when calling, any specifics e.g. washing powder / nappies etc   |
|      | Penicuik – Area: Including Roslin / Roswell/ Auchindinny/ Bilston etc. Will not provide food during school holiday periods e.g Easter/summer as provision already been made for lunch packs | FoodStore@ PNK  Penicuik North Kirk, 95 John Street, Penicuik,                             | Contact Children & Families for<br>Advice on how to refer. 0131 271<br>3414  | C&F or other referrer staff collection at<br>Penicuik North Kirk at 2pm on Thursdays at<br>Church hall (they do not deliver)<br>Please note when calling, any specifics e.g.<br>washing powder / nappies etc |
|      | All areas Trussel Trust Gorebridge Church for all clients   | Gorebridge Church<br>Hunterfield Road,<br>Gorebridge.                                      | Phone mobile - 07789 173 276 (Janice) or 07597 359 910 A referral must be made by an agency and no-one can self-refer.   | Client collects:  from Gorebridge Parish Church Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10-2  |
|      | Food Fact Friends   | Penicuik &<br>Woodburn   | Food bank in Pencuick - St Mungo's Church Hall Monday and Friday 10. 30 till 1pm and Woodburn - MARC building on Woodburn Road Dalkeith Monday 3.30 -5pm.  | Are now only taking referrals no walk in service. Families can take the referral form with them or it can be sent to foodfactsfriends@gmail.com 07507 697109   |

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Other supports: **Gorebridge Church** have closed their resource café on a Tuesday, **Gorebridge Beacon** will continue their community fridge as long as the centre is open.

Sweet Dignity have closed – no access to Town Hall. Sure Start Centres are currently open (18/3/20)

| Children & Families Emergency Support  |  |  |  |  |
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| Food - if all other options have been exhausted  |  |  |  |  |
| For families with children in difficulties please contact Children & Families on 0131 271 3414 |  |  |  |  |
| Children & Families, Midlothian Council  |  |  |  |  |
| Midlothian Children & Families Centre  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 Eskdaill Court, Dalkeith, EH22 1AG   |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>Baby Milk Supplies</b>  | In an emergency your baby milk supplier will send a supply if you are stuck, phone |  |  |  |
|  | number on the back of the tin.   |  |  |  |
|  | C&F (Hawthorn) aim to hold a small stock by the end of the week.                   |  |  |  |
| <b>3rd Sector Services</b>   | e.g Women's Aid, Homelink, SFFC, Children's 1st, Play Therapy Base aim to          |  |  |  |
|  | continue supporting their allocated families by phone where possible especially    |  |  |  |
|  | when there is self-isolation. No new referrals will not be accepted at this time   |  |  |  |
|  | and waiting list may occur.  |  |  |  |
| Online support   | CHILDREN 1st Parentline Scotland service for any parent wishing to talk to         |  |  |  |
|  | someone – the web pages also have resourced for those self-isolating – 'Tips for   |  |  |  |
|  | Parents' https://www.children1st.org.uk/ Parentline 0800 028 2233                  |  |  |  |