**Financial Help and Support**

Financial help and support for families - A dedicated web page Help with your money has been developed for County Durham residents and contains specific help for families. The page has information on a range of support available including applying for Free School Meals (FSM), debt advice/financial help and help with heating and fuel bills. Also see attached leaflets.

[Help with your money - Durham County Council](https://www.durham.gov.uk/helpwithyourmoney)

Help with buying items for school including school uniforms - A dedicated web page has been developed for families to find out about this support Help with buying items for school - Durham County Council.

[Help with buying items for school - Durham County Council](https://www.durham.gov.uk/schooluniform)

Period Products Scheme has been extended to July 2024- The period product scheme is available to all state-maintained schools and 16 to 19 education establishments in England. It provides anyone who has periods access to tampons, pads and more through their school or college if, for example, they can’t afford period products, have forgotten to bring them to school or college or have come on their period unexpectedly. Further information and guidance on how to order period products for your school is available Period products in schools and colleges - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

e)The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT)- TBBT collects surplus food and staple goods that often end up going to waste from supermarkets, factories and farms, and distributes it at a discount price through 10 community hubs across County Durham. You will need to become a member to use the service, but this is free to do. For just £7.50, TBBT members' shopping bags can be filled with an average of £35 worth of items made up of quality, nutritious food. Each week members can access three bags of produce, including fresh fruit and vegetables, chilled goods, as well as cupboard staples such as pasta and cereal. Bread and Butter Thing: membership.

[Members — Bread and Butter Thing](https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/members)