

Financial **support** for school families



We are Turn2us. We offer straight-forward information and practical support to anyone struggling with money.

This short guide brings together practical tools and trusted resources to help you support families in your school community.

→ turn2us.org.uk

Supporting families experiencing financial insecurity

Talking about financial worries, or knowing where to start, can be difficult.

Kelly, a Family Liaison Practitioner, shares her top tip for opening up these conversations.

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I always say that asking for help is a sign of strength, not weakness. Try to make the conversation relatable. I might say ‘I have supported lots of people who have used a foodbank before - it can happen to anyone’ or refer to recent news story. If available, it can also help to hear from someone who’s been through a similar situation and found a way with the right support.

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Maximising income for your families

These three tools can help your families find out what financial support they might be entitled to.



Benefits Calculator

Find out what financial support your families could get.

→ benefits-calculator.turn2us.org.uk

Single mum-of-three Esther describes the Turn2us Benefits Calculator as “**a true lifesaver**”:

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As a single parent I was juggling multiple jobs but still couldn’t make ends meet. Within minutes, the Turn2us Benefits Calculator uncovered support I didn’t know existed. It wasn’t just money; it gave my family hope, dignity, and the basics my children deserve.

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Grants Search

This online tool helps people find grants and other financial support they don't have to pay back. You can search for grants for yourself, your partner, or children with results tailored to individual circumstances.

→ grants-search.turn2us.org.uk



PIP Helper

This tool helps people to check if they are eligible for Personal Independence Payment and guides users through each step of the application process. PIP is for people who need help with daily living or getting around due to a disability or long-term health condition.

→ pip.turn2us.org.uk

Finding local support

Find an Adviser

Search for local or national support with benefits, housing, immigration, domestic abuse, and other kinds of practical support.

→ advicefinder.turn2us.org.uk

Reaching Families, explains why they use Turn2us's services:

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You guys are recognised as leaders in the field... our users know they can trust the resource.

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Recommended resources

Find more guides to support families on their specific situation - including Back to School & info for families who have recently moved to the UK:

→ turn2us.org.uk/get-support

For school and family support staff

Our free Adviser Accounts include extra features for anyone providing one-to-one support, such as:

- Access to additional cash grants through Grants Search.
- Tools to help manage your clients more easily.
- A benefits comparison tool to outline how support may change in different circumstances.

→ turn2us.org.uk/organisations-accounts

We also signpost to these trusted organisations for specialist support:

- [Trussell Trust](#) - Help with food insecurity.
- [Shelter](#) - Housing advice and support.
- [National Energy Action](#) - Help with fuel poverty and energy costs.
- [Citizens Advice](#) - Free advice on benefits, housing, and debt.
- [Mind](#) - Mental Health and wellbeing support.
- [StepChange](#) - Free, confidential debt advice.
- [Working Families](#) - Advice for parents & carers.

We'd love to work closer together to make sure all your families are getting the support they need. Get in touch at: [✉ community@turn2us.org.uk](mailto:community@turn2us.org.uk)