

From 1st December to 31st March 2021 Voluntary Action Epping Forest will be assigning Covid Winter Support boxes to vulnerable families with children who are struggling financially. (Criteria applies, please see below)

Referrals can only be made by registered agencies such as GPs, Schools, Children's Centre's and registered local agencies



Covid Winter Support Boxes will be delivered to a referred household by Ongar Dairy Group and contain an estimated 1 week supply of fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, butter, milk, eggs, and tinned foods for a small family. The support box will also contain household sanitary essentials including toothpaste, shampoo / conditioner (all in one), shower gel, toilet roll, washing powder, washing up liquid, hand sanitizer and disinfectant.

Referrals must be received from partner agencies no later than 12pm on Wednesday for a delivery to be made on Thursday between 9am—5pm.

Agencies are asked to refer families with the greatest immediate support need.

Repeat support can be requested but it can not be guaranteed.

Qualifying criteria:

Support is for households of "Families with Children"

The definition of a child is any person:

- who will be under the age of 19 as at the 31st March 2021;
- aged 19 and over in respect of whom a child related benefit is paid e.g. Child Benefit or free school meals are provided; or
- Where an eligible child lives on his/her own – they are eligible as a household that includes a child
- For vulnerable families without children, the household must include a person aged 19 to 25 with special educational needs and disability [SEND] and/or care leavers.

Required Information:

Parents Name	Parent Telephone	Full Delivery Address
No. living in household	Qualifying child's D.O.B	Is support as a result of Covid Y/ N?

Referrals and all required information should be emailed to:

covidresponse@vaeef.org.uk