



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Information and application form

IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO CLAIM FREE MEALS?

SCHOOL LUNCHES IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, all children are entitled to free school meals (Universal Infant Free School Meals). This scheme does not extend to Key Stage 2, so from Year 3 your child is no longer automatically entitled to a free meal, unless you have registered with the Free School Meals service.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and you know that you have not previously registered, please click on the link below. If you register it does not mean that your child has to have a school dinner every day; you can provide a packed lunch whenever you want to.

You are eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

Schools receive additional funding for every child on roll who is eligible, or has been eligible at any time in the previous six years, for Free School Meals. This funding is used to provide additional support for children.

Apply online (this is the quickest and easiest way to apply):

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals>

Apply by paper – please contact the school office for an application form

If you have any questions please contact the Free School Meals team:

Email: free.school.meals@bristol.gov.uk