

Why apply for Free School Meals?

By applying for Free School Meals, you are helping us to help your child get the most out of school. The extra funding that we get, we use to support children from low-income families achieve their potential. Here is a list of some of the ways that we use Pupil Premium funding to help children receiving Free School Meals:

- Subsidising school Educational Visits
- Subsidising Breakfast and After-school club places
- Providing classes with iPads
- Running small groups with children in need of extra support
- Offering counselling and well-being therapy



Steps to applying

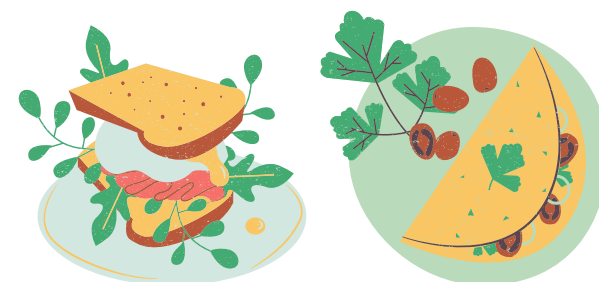
1. Check this leaflet to see whether you receive any of the listed benefits.
2. Get your National Insurance number and email address ready.
3. Go to: www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals
4. Register your details with Hackney Citizen Portal.
5. Add your child's details on the Portal and then follow the instructions for applying for Free School Meals.
6. Wait to see if you are eligible. The school will be told automatically if you are.

Remember, we are here to help you with your application.



Free School Meals

Empowering pupils for life.



What are Free School Meals?

Parents of children attending school nursery, junior classes in Years 3 to 6, or at secondary school in Hackney will have to pay for school meals, unless they are receiving benefits. All children starting school in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 get a free meal at school regardless of income. This means they get a delicious hot meal at no cost. However, if you are on a low income, you should still apply so that we can claim the Pupil Premium.



What is Pupil Premium?

The Pupil Premium is extra money paid direct to schools for each child who is eligible for free school meals due to the household being on a low income. It is used to support your child's education.

In 2021/22, if your child is eligible for free school meals and you apply for it, the school receives £1,345 extra funding to support their education.

"We are committed to giving a great educational experience to prepare every pupil for the future."



Who is eligible for Free School Meals?

You are eligible if you receive any of the benefits below:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals

