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Applying for Free School Meals

Dear Parents/ Carers,

If you are receiving certain benefits (see additional information on the next page,) a FREE tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your child at Masefield, **BUT YOU MUST APPLY!**

The benefits of receiving Free School Meals are:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Savings for you, worth over £350 a year.
- Food vouchers over the school holidays (around £15 per child per week.)
- Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £1320 a year.

Remember, by registering your child for Free School Meals it means that Masefield receives extra money even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits that you are claiming. If your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you **STILL NEED TO APPLY.**

If you would like further information, please visit the Bolton Council website

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform>

or contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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What are Free School Meals?

They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools.) They may be awarded to some children outside of this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

Do I qualify?

Income related free school meals can be given to your child in any year at primary school.

If you get any of the benefits below, you can claim free school meals.

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance (income based)
- Employment Support Allowance (income related)
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as your letter shows you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year

If you moved to the UK and have a work or student visa, or meet other qualifying criteria, you may also be eligible. Please see the information on 'providing Free School Meals for families with no recourse to public funds' on the next page.

If you already receive housing benefit or council tax support, or have recently applied, you don't have to do anything.

How do I apply and what evidence is required?

Applying is easy through the link here: <https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform>. You will need to provide and up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above benefits.



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Providing Free School Meals to families with no recourse to public funds.

The government have permanently extended free school meal eligibility to children in all households with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), subject to maximum income thresholds.

Eligible groups

These groups include, but may not be limited to children of:

- Zambrano carers
- Families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- A subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Chen carers
- Families holding a [BN\(O\) passport](#).
- Spousal visa holders
- Work visa holders
- Student visa holders
- Those with no immigration status

The maximum income threshold differs based on your location and the number of children that your family has.

Income thresholds

Under the permanent extension of free school meal eligibility to all NRPF groups, the annual household income thresholds for those families able to work are:

£22,700 for families outside of London with 1 child

£26,300 for families outside of London with 2 or more children

In addition to these thresholds, families must hold no more than £16,000 in capital and savings.

If you think that you are eligible under the NRPF, then an application form and more information can be obtained from the school office.

