

In Bracknell Forest the way to apply for free school meals is fast and simple.

Don't miss out - apply now!

Did you know that in most cases, you now don't need to give paper proof of benefit* when applying for free school meals?

Bracknell Forest Council can check if your child can get free school meals by checking your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National insurance number

The above details must be for the person receiving the qualifying benefit - there is a list of these on the next page.

** sometimes we may need to ask you to provide paper proofs of benefit*



Can my child get free school meals?

To be entitled to free school meals for your child you must receive one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not entitled** to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income specified by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs.
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit

If you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment stops, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your child would also be eligible for free school meals for this four week period only.

This information is accurate at the time of printing but it is subject to Government policy so may change in the future.

The new checking system means that:

- You can apply directly to the Local Authority
- You don't have to show paper proof of benefit
- You don't have to reapply every year
- Your child will get their free school meals sooner because the process is faster
- Your information is confidential

Not just a Free School Meal

By applying for free school meals this will trigger additional resources for schools that **will** help your child.



Our aim . . .

- We would like to help families whose children could get free school meals to apply for them.

Why apply?

- School dinners provide a healthy, nutritious and tasty meal
- Research shows that a school dinner can improve concentration levels
- Menus are changed often and can be viewed on line at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/learning/learn-schools/learn-school-meals

How to apply

- Apply online
www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/learn-free-school-meals

You can obtain a form from your child's school or Bracknell Forest Council or you can download an application form and:

- Take the form into your child's school
- Send it to School Admissions (address on back page).
- Contact your Schools Family Support Advisor



For more information

Visit: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/learn-free-school-meals

Or call us on **01344 352000**

School Admissions
Children, Young People & Learning
Bracknell Forest Council
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No stamp is required

Free School Meals

Are you missing out on
£370 a year?



**Is your child eligible to be
tucking into a free school meal?**

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