

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

Make sure you're not missing out!

Please **do not** reapply if your child already receives Free School Meals

Many families are entitled to Free School Meals but are not claiming this support. Free School Meals support in the form of supermarket vouchers were provided over the recent holiday breaks for all children who were registered for Free School Meals. Apply as soon as possible to Brighton & Hove City Council so that you don't miss out in the future.

This information sheet will explain if you might be eligible for Free School Meals and how to apply. It includes information for families that receive welfare support and for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

Families of children getting universal infant free school meals because they are in reception, year 1 or year 2 should apply for support if they fall into any of the groups explained on this sheet.

## Please apply if your household receive any of the following:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're **not** also receiving Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be **£7,400 a year or less** (after tax and not including any benefits you get – take home pay of £616.66 per month for the household)

If I get?	Do we get free meals?
Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit	No
Child Tax Credit (Household income above £16,190)	No
Child Tax Credit (Household income below £16,190)	Yes
Working Tax Credit (Household income below £16,190)	No

Please apply on [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onlinefreeschoolmeals](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onlinefreeschoolmeals)

Otherwise you can call the Free School Meals team on 01273 293497 and we can undertake an online check for you in complete confidence. You will need to tell us your National Insurance Number or your National Asylum Seeker Number (NASS), your date of birth and your surname (as it appears on your benefit letter) and the date of birth and name of one of your children.

Or you can email Free School Meals on [freeschoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk) with the above information.

# NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS? YOU CAN APPLY

Thousands of families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) have become **temporarily** eligible for Free School Meals support and can receive free supermarket over the school holidays. To get this support your child must be registered for Free School Meals.

You may be eligible for Free School Meals and holiday supermarket vouchers, if you have No Recourse to Public Funds, a household income below £28,200 per year AND you are either:

- A Zambrano carer - A non-EEA National primary carer of a British child
- Your family is receiving support from a local authority under Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989 (for example, from social services or the NRPF team)
- Your family has been granted leave to remain with NRPF on the basis of family or private life grounds

## Section 4 support from the Home Office

All children from families who receive Section 4 support are also temporarily eligible for free school meals and do not need to have their income assessed.

## HOW TO APPLY

The best way to apply is using the online form [NRPF Application](#)

<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/contact-council/apply-free-school-meals>