

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have you ever wondered if your child is entitled to a free school meal? This summer, we are inviting all parents to complete an online free school meals application form for **each** child.

**Did you know it is free, quick and easy to apply?**

Many parents don't realise that if their child qualifies for a **benefits-related** free school meal, this also opens up other opportunities to receive help and support during the holiday period as well as further funding for their school!

Please read on to find out more!



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Is your child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

YES!

NO!

Your child will be automatically entitled to receive a free school meal. This is called the "universal free school meal."

Your child is **not** automatically entitled to receive a free school meal.

...but could they be entitled to more?

Parents whose children are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and already receive the "universal free school meal" **should also apply for "benefits-related free school meals."** Find further information via the link below.

To benefit from a free school meal, pupil premium and more, you must apply using the below link.

**DON'T DELAY - APPLY TODAY!**

To check your eligibility and apply please visit:

<https://www.swindon.gov.uk>

Search free school meals in the search bar.

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**If you're eligible, your child will retain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education, even if your circumstances change.**

If your child is currently attending a Swindon school or is moving to one from a different area, please apply.

SBC complete free school meal checking for the majority of schools in Swindon. To find out more and to apply, please visit:

[https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools\\_and\\_education/408/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals)

**To apply please click the link below:**

**[Free School Meals Application](#)**

# Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil premium funding is additional funding provided to schools to support eligible pupils to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as their peers.

Schools have the flexibility to use this money in any way that they see fit to provide additional support both in and out of the classroom for your child.

Some examples include:

- Funding or part-funding school trips
- Wellbeing support
- Extra tuition (e.g. learning a musical instrument)
- Additional support in the classroom

This is why it is really important to apply for **benefits-related** free school meals even if your child is receiving "universal free school meals", which is non-means tested.

**It is also vital to reapply at the end of each phase of your child's schooling (e.g. at the end of Primary school) and for each individual child in your family.**



# Other Benefits



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When applying for **benefits-related** free school meals, in addition to receiving this and pupil premium funding for your child's school, you also unlock the following opportunities for your child.

**HAF programme** - The HAF programme runs during some school holiday periods and provides funded activities for 4 hours per day and this includes a nutritious meal.

**Food vouchers** - Eligible families will receive food vouchers during the school holidays.

If, upon application, your child is eligible for free school meals, you will be sent HAF vouchers, there is no need to apply.

Please visit your school office for further information.

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