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Free School Meals (FSM)

What Are Free School Meals?

Free school meals are provided to children at maintained schools in Redbridge. Since September 2014 there have been two types of Free School Meals - Universal and Targetted.

Universal Free School Meals are for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All children in these years are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. By registering your entitlement, you will benefit the school your child/children attend. You are strongly encouraged to register for Universal Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed within the Targetted Free School Meals section below.

Targetted Free School Meals

If your child attends a Redbridge school you are strongly encouraged to register for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one or more of the listed benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not also entitled to 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 qualification for Working Tax Credit ends
- Universal Credit (currently in place in pathfinder areas only)

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also allowed to receive free school meals. Children under the compulsory school age who are in full-time education may also be entitled to receive free school meals.

If, after reading the information on this page and on the application forms, you are unsure whether you qualify for an award, please submit an application form to <http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> and the Local Authority will contact you to let you know if you are in fact eligible. 'Please note you should apply to the Local Authority in which your child attends school'.

How do I claim?

You can check if you are eligible and apply online for Free School Meals by going to:

<http://www.redbridge.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> or by emailing admissionsandawards@redbridge.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can visit the Admissions and Awards Team at:

Lynton House
255-259 High Road
Ilford
IG1 1NN

Main School Tel: 020 8551 4951



STUDENTS ELIIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS ON JOINING BMAT

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, in order for this entitlement to continue at BMAT, it is essential that you provide the Data Manager with a copy of the '**Authorisation of Free School Meal**' letter issued by the London Borough of Redbridge. Once authorisation has been confirmed by the Local Authority, dinner allocation will be entered onto our Cashless Data System. Parents can top up the amount from home by using the 'Parent Pay' website – an Account Activation Letter giving you a personal user number and password will be issued on the first day of school at BMAT.

Please note that, if your child **WAS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN ANOTHER BOROUGH**, you will need **to REAPPLY** to the London Borough of Redbridge to be eligible for free school meals at BMAT.

Please consider carefully if your child is in receipt of free school meals, you may be entitled to further benefits or subsidies throughout their time at BMAT.