

Application for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Please fill in all sections so that your child's eligibility for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium can be verified. You must indicate the benefit(s) you are receiving. You do not need to send evidence of your qualifying benefit(s) with this application. If we need evidence at a later date, we will contact you.

Incomplete forms will be returned and this may delay the start date for your claim.

1. Your name and address (the person claiming benefits for the family)

Title		First name		Surname	
Date of birth		National Insurance Number or NASS number			
Address					
Postcode		Telephone			
Relationship to children					

2. Your partner living at the same address

Title		First name		Surname	
Date of birth		National Insurance Number or NASS number			
Relationship to children					

3. Your child(ren)'s details (this includes all children in the family who may be in different year groups/schools)

Forename	Surname	Date of birth	School

4. Your benefits

Please complete this section only if your joint family income is £16,190 or under

Please tick (✓) if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit

Please tick (✓) the type of benefit you receive	
<input type="checkbox"/> Income Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
<input type="checkbox"/> Income related Employment and Support Allowance	<input type="checkbox"/> Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Tax Credit without Working Tax Credit and an annual household income of less than £16,190	<input type="checkbox"/> Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
<input type="checkbox"/> Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> Universal Credit, provided you have an annual earned income of no more than £7,400

5. Your benefits - declaration

I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by the law to verify my initial and ongoing entitlement.

I agree you may share the result of my free schools meals entitlement with the Home to School Transport Team should I apply for free travel, where appropriate.

I declare that the information given on this form is correct and I will tell you immediately if my details or circumstances change.

Your signature:

Date:

Once completed please hand this form into your child's school or send to: Wakefield Council, Children and Young People, Free School Meals, Room 42, County Hall, Wakefield WF1 2QL or alternatively e-mail to hst@wakefield.gov.uk. If you have any queries please phone 01924 305061.

Important: You no longer have to reapply once you have submitted your application form as we are able to carry out an audit check from time to time on your eligibility status. However, as soon as your circumstances change, for example, if you start to receive **Working Tax Credits** or you **stop receiving any of the qualifying benefits** you **must** notify us by phone immediately on (01924) 305061. We will then inform your child(ren)'s school. **If your child receives free school meals whilst they are not entitled your child's school/academy may ask you to pay for meals provided.**

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers. The eligibility criteria for Pupil Premium is the same as for Income Related Free School Meals. If we authorise your child's Free School Meals claim, it means that the school is able to receive Pupil Premium funding for your child.

Universal Infant Free School Meals: All children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to a free school meal, regardless of income but if you are on one of the above benefits your child's school is also eligible for **Pupil Premium**. You can speak to the school to find out how they use the funding and some schools even offer incentives to encourage parents to apply.



**TRANSPARENCY NOTICE
FREE SCHOOL MEALS TEAM**

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We will keep your information (data) secure at all times.

1. Who we are.

a) The Controller for the information we hold is Wakefield Council. Contact details:

Telephone: 01924 306112

Email: dataprotection@wakefield.gov.uk

b) If you have any queries regarding your information that we are using for the purpose outlined in section 2, please contact the Controller's representative. Contact details:

David Atkins, Team Manager, Learner Support Services (Admissions, Transport and Free School Meals), Room 42, County Hall, Wakefield, WF1 2QL

c) The Council's Data Protection Officer is the City Solicitor. Contact details:

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2. How we use your data:

The Free School Meals Team needs to collect the following information about you:

- Contact details, including name, address and telephone number for the applicant
- Your partner's contact details, including name, address and telephone number
- Identifying details including date of birth and national insurance/NASS Number
- Your partner's identifying details including date of birth and national insurance/NASS Number
- Full name(s) and date of birth
- The school your child is attending
- Family circumstances (eg benefit entitlements)

We use this information so that we can determine whether your child is eligible to receive free school meals.

We will also use this information so that we can determine whether your child's school is eligible to receive Pupil Premium Funding for your child.

We will also use this information so that we can determine whether your child is entitled to receive free transport to/from school.

Information will be used to respond to your queries and complaints.

To enable us to provide our service to you we will share your information with Wakefield Council's IT Systems, schools and academies and other teams within Wakefield Council (Home to School Transport Team, Finance, Management Information Team).

Should you decide not to provide any of the information we request from you we will be unable to process your application for free school meals.

3. What authority does the Council have to collect and use this information?

The Local Authority has a statutory duty in accordance with the Education Act 1996 to provide free school meals for children whose parent/carer are in receipt of specific Department for Work and Pension benefits. In accordance with the same legislation a parent/carer must request free school meals by completing an application form.

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