



25th September 2023



Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals



We are writing as a reminder regarding eligibility and claiming for free school meals. Free school meals offer a healthy, wide selection of options for your child at lunch time and can save families approximately £494 per year; the free school meal allowance is currently £2.60 per day.

Do I Qualify?

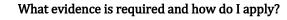


To qualify for free school meals, you or your partner must be getting one of the following (information taken from the Bolton Council website):

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance Income based
- Employment Support Allowance Income related
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit



- Child Tax Credit only as long as your letter shows you have an of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year





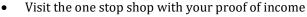
You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above qualifying benefits.

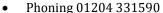
You don't need to make a claim for a free school meal if you already receive or have applied for housing benefit or council tax support.



If you would like to make a claim this can be done;









Please be aware that eligibility for free school meals is completely anonymous. The £2.60 allowance is added daily to student's lunch accounts and meals are paid for in the canteen in the same way by all students. If the £2.60 is not spent, any remaining allowance drops off at the end of the day and a new £2.60 is added the following morning; please also note that the free school meal allowance does not appear on your ParentPay account. You are still able to top-up your child's lunch account using ParentPay if you wish.

Yours faithfully

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