

**Application for
Free School Meals for Infant Age Pupils only**

From September 2014, all children attending Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school meal as part of the Government's Universal Free School Meals for Infants programme. If you receive a benefit that gives entitlement to Free School meals the school can also get additional funding but you must apply for us to confirm this to the Headteacher.

You are asked to complete this application to confirm that you wish your child/ren to take the school meal. Please return this form direct to the school. If you do not receive a benefit please complete Parts 1, 2 and 4 only.

PART 1 – DETAILS OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Full name and address of person **who has parental responsibility** for all children included on this form.

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms	Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)
Address	
Postcode	Telephone Number

**NATIONAL INSURANCE
NUMBER/NASS NUMBER**

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PART 2 – DETAILS OF CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY

Please list all children who are, or will be, in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 during the school year 2014/15 and confirm whether you wish for your child to take up the offer.

Child's Surname	Child's First Name	Date of Birth	Name of School

I **do/do not*** (* delete as necessary) wish for my infant child to take up the offer free school meals

If you are entitled to certain benefits the school will receive additional funding known as Pupil Premium. This additional funding will be used to help children achieve more at school. For us to confirm whether the school is entitled to claim this funding please complete the remainder of this form. If you do not receive one of the stated benefits please complete Part 4 only.

PART 3 – ABOUT THE BENEFIT YOU ARE RECEIVING. ARE YOU RECEIVING

- a) **Income Support?** Yes No
- b) **Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)** Yes No
- c) **Income Based Job Seekers Allowance?** Yes No
- d) **Guaranteed Pension Credit?** Yes No
- e) **Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190 (see note below)** Yes No
- f) **Universal Credit** Yes No

Even if you have answered 'Yes' to question e) but you also receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do not normally qualify for free meals and Pupil Premium. Parents entitled to Working Tax Credit during the 4 week period immediately after employment ceases, or after they reduce the working hours to less than 16 hours are entitled.

- g) **Are you receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999** Yes No

You do not need to provide proof of the benefit you receive at this stage. A check will be made against records held by the Department for Work and Pensions, HM Revenue and Customs and the Home Office to determine entitlement. Following this check, if further information is required in support of your application you will be contacted.

PART 4

DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY THE CLAIMANT

I certify that the information given above is to the best of my knowledge and belief correct and, where necessary I undertake to notify the County Council if the benefit I receive ceases. I understand that the County Council may verify any of the information provided. I **agree** that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school lunches and will contact other sources as allowed by the law to verify my initial, and on-going, entitlement. I **understand** that the results of any free school lunch eligibility check may also be used to assess my entitlement to receive free travel to school.

Signed:

Date:

DATA PROTECTION ACT - The information provided on this application will be subject to the Data Protection Act 1998. The Children's Services Department will hold the information for use on processing your application for Free School Meals. We may also use the information to provide additional support by passing it, together with attainment information, to other learning establishments attended by the child. Information may be shared with other agencies for purposes including detection and prevention of fraud. Data will be passed to schools who will use the information to provide the allowance. All information will be held in the strictest confidence. Data will be held for up to 5 years.