

# Free School Meals – from September 2015

You may be entitled to free school meals for your child if you are in receipt of one of the following;

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income that does not exceed £16,190 and you are not claiming Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If your child is moving from primary to secondary school in September 2015 and is currently receiving free school meals we will update their details and write to you to confirm their new entitlement. There is no need for you to reapply.

If you do not claim Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support but you are entitled to one of the qualifying benefits please contact us on 0161 253 5858 after 17th August 2015 and we will process your claim over the phone.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. This is because schools receive a 'pupil premium' payment for each eligible child which they can spend on things which will benefit your child's education.

If you live outside Bury Council then you will need to contact the council where you live to claim free school meals.

If you have any further enquiries:

- please see our website at [www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals); or
- telephone us on 0161 253 5858; or
- e-mail us at [freeschoolmeals@bury.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@bury.gov.uk).

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