

Pupil Premium through Universal Free School Meals



**Are you helping your child's
school to help you?**

They need you - apply now!



For more information

Visit: [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/
freeschoolmeals](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Or call us on **01344 352000**

School Admissions
Children, Young People & Learning
Bracknell Forest Council
FREEPOST SCE15737
Bracknell
RG12 1BR
No stamp is required

Our aim . . .

To ensure schools receive the valuable additional government funding to which they are entitled.

Why apply?

To help your child's school claim the Pupil Premium funding.

All schools use their pupil premium in different ways, for example some schools offer discounted school trips for those children registered for pupil premium.

You only need to apply once. When your child reaches year 3, we will automatically check your eligibility, to see if your child can continue receiving free school meals.

How to apply

Either:

- Apply online [www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/
freeschoolmeals](http://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals), or
- Take the attached form into your child's school or return it to School Admissions (address on back page), or
- Contact your Schools Family Support Advisor, or
- Call 01344 352000

Parent/Carer Name: Please print clearly	Parent DOB:
National Insurance number: eg. AA 12 34 56 A <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	**Signed

** I agree that you will use the information that I have provided to process my claim for pupil premium/free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by the law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement. I also agree this information can be shared with other departments within Bracknell Forest Council where necessary.

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In Bracknell Forest the way to apply is fast and simple.

- Apply online at www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
- Complete the form at the back of this leaflet and return to your child's current school.
- Call customer services on 01344 352000 to apply by phone

Help your school - apply now!

Did you know that in most cases, you don't need to give paper proof of benefit* when applying?

Bracknell Forest Council can check if your child is eligible by checking your:

- Name (as it shows on your benefit)
- Date of birth
- National insurance number

The above details must be for the person receiving the qualifying benefit - there is a list of these on the next page.

** sometimes we may need to ask you to provide paper proofs of benefit*



What is Universal Infant Free School Meals?

From September 2014 the government introduced Universal infant free school meals. This means that parents with children in key stage one, that is reception, year 1 and year 2 in a state funded school will be eligible to claim a free school meal for their child. There is no eligibility criteria, every key stage one child will be entitled.

So what is Pupil Premium?

Pupil premium is a funding given to schools by central government.

All children who's parents are claiming one of the benefits listed in this leaflet will trigger the pupil premium funding for their child's school.

All schools use this funding in a variety of ways, for example, some schools offer discounted school trips for children registered for pupil premium.

If you would like to know how your child's school uses this funding, please contact them.

What if I have a child in year 3 - 13?

You may still be entitled to claim a free school meal for your child if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed in this leaflet. If you are eligible, your claim will also ensure your child's school receives the pupil premium funding.

Can my child trigger the extra funding for their school?

Yes. If you are receiving one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

If you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after your employment stops, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your child would also be eligible for free school meals for this four week period only.

This information is accurate at the time of printing but it is subject to Government policy so may change in the future.

Pupil Premium Application Form

If you would like to see if you are entitled please clearly print your details below and return either directly to School Admissions* or to one of your child's current school.

Child's Name: Child's DOB: Year Group:	Current School:
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