

## **Free School Meals**

## **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

From September 2014 all Infant age pupils (Reception Year, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to receive a free school meal.

Research has shown that healthy free school meals improve children's learning.

## What you need to do

We are asking parents and guardians whose children go to school in Barnsley and have a statutory entitlement to Free School Meals to complete this form. We will then be able to confirm whether the school is entitled to claim Pupil Premium for your child.

Completing this form could raise money for your child's school as the Government has committed to pay funding known as Pupil Premium for each primary child registered. This money can then be used to fund valuable support in school.

Even if you don't want your child to receive a free school meal we would ask you to complete this form so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

All you have to do is complete the information requested over the page.

Please complete all sections and return to your child's school or, if you prefer, you can post the form to Free School Meals, Corporate Mailroom, PO Box 634, Barnsley S70 9GG. If you need any help or assistance in completing the form please see the school office staff or visit the Free School Meals Officer at her weekly surgery at the Civic Centre, Eldon Street, Barnsley between 1 and 2pm on Wednesdays.

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council is committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we process about you is protected and kept safe and secure. We will only share information in compliance with the law and relevant multi agency information sharing agreement.



## **Registration for Universal Infant Free School Meals**

All fields are required to be completed in order to confirm your eligibilty. **Parent/Guardian details:** Your Surname Forename(s) (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss) Date of Birth National Insurance number National Asylum Support Service number (if applicable) Address Post Code Telephone Number Email address Relationship of Applicant to Pupil(s) **Child/Children details:** Please enter below the names of each dependent child who is in an infant year group (Reception, Year 1 or 2): Names (in full) **Date of Birth Name of School Attending** Please enter below the names of any other dependent child who is living at home and is UNDER 16 or is OVER 16 and IN FULL TIME EDUCATION this will enable us to check if your older children are entitled to free school meals. **Parent/Guardian income details:** (we need these details in order to check your eligibility) Please complete this section only if your joint family income is £16,190 or under. Are you in receipt of: Income Support Income Based Job Seekers Allowance Income Related Employment and Support Allowance Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit Child Tax Credit with no Working Tax Credit and an income as assessed by HMRC of less than £16,190 Support under Part 1V of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999 PLEASE NOTE Following your consent by signing this form, Barnsley MBC has the facility to check benefit entitlement. This means that you do not need to send proof of income at this stage. However, if we are unable to establish your entitlement we may request documentary evidence. The school will not qualify for pupil premium if you are in receipt of working tax credits. All Infant children will however receive a Free School Meal. 3. If you are also using this form to apply for Free School Meals for Junior or Secondary age children in your family you must be aware that you will be charged for all meals taken prior to receipt of this form. I certify that the information given by me regarding income/benefits is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I undertake to notify the Free School Meals section immediately of any change in circumstances set out therein. I understand that the Free School Meals section may check with other agencies the income/benefit I have declared. Signature of Applicant Date

