

APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS/PUPIL PREMIUM



BCP - Poole Pupils

Is this... First application Change of details/circumstances Additional child(ren)

SECTION A – PARENT/CARER DETAILS

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS (Email address is optional)

TITLE		SURNAME		FOR OFFICE USE	
FORENAME				ECS	
ADDRESS					
TOWN				Date	
POST CODE		RELATIONSHIP TO PUPIL(S)			
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO.				Initials	
EMAIL ADDRESS					

The person claiming the benefit should provide their National Insurance number and date of birth. This will be used to check entitlement through a secure Department for Education website (see overleaf).

PARENT/CARER N.I. NUMBER										PARENT/CARER DATE OF BIRTH			
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NB: If you claim Working Tax Credit you will not qualify for Free School Meals.

SECTION B – PUPIL DETAILS

List all children who will be attending a BCP School (excluding Heatherlands) that you are claiming for:

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH			M/F	NAME OF SCHOOL	SCHOOL START DATE (Full-time)		
		DD	MM	YY					

Please detail any additional children on a separate sheet and attach to this form.

DECLARATION

- I declare that the information given on this form is correct and complete and that I have the right to claim free school meals for all children listed on this form (see overleaf).
- I agree that you can make any reasonable enquiries you need to check the information on this form.
- I will inform you immediately if I stop receiving the benefit which entitles me to free school meals or if any of my other circumstances change, and I understand that I may have to repay the BCP Council if free school meals are received by my children whilst I am not entitled.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE		DATE			
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FREE SCHOOL MEALS INFORMATION

Who can I claim for?

Free school meals are provided for children who are attending a school maintained by the BCP Council on a full-time basis. You can claim for any child who you are the parent of according to the definition of parent in the Education Act (1996) ie any child whom you have parental responsibility for or is in your care.

How do you know if I am entitled?

When you provide us with your National Insurance number and date of birth we can check your entitlement online through a secure website provided by the Department for Education. This means that you may not need to send in any paper evidence and your entitlement will continue until you stop receiving the qualifying benefit or you tell us otherwise. The Department for Education records will normally confirm whether or not you're entitled to free school meals. However, in some cases these records may not detect the qualifying benefit, in which case you will need to provide paper evidence.

If you do not wish to supply your National Insurance number and date of birth, or if these do not confirm that you are eligible, you will need to provide paper evidence that you receive one of the following (all pages of the award notice are required). **Please do not send original documents as we are unable to return them.**

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance (*income-based*)
- Employment and Support Allowance (*income-based*)
- Child Tax Credit based on an income below £16,190 (and not in receipt of Working Tax Credits)
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Asylum Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' (this is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (if received after 01 April 2018 - with an annual net earned income of no more than £7400)

If you do not have an award notice or annual review letter dated within the last three months, please provide your most recent award notice or annual review letter accompanied by a bank, building society or post office account statement dated within the last three months showing that you are still receiving regular payments of the benefit.

We will usually notify the school(s) of a successful application within ten working days of receiving the application.

Data Protection Act 2018

We process your personal information in accordance with GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. If you would like to know how we use your information, please see the council website – bcpcouncil.co.uk.

In accordance with the DPA 2018 we are required to keep the information we hold about you up to date and accurate. By signing this form you are confirming the information is correct.

Please return this form to:

FSM and Education Transport
BCP
Children, Young People and Learning
Dolphin Centre
Poole
Dorset BH15 1SA

If you have any enquiries please contact us:

schoolmeals.transport@bcpcouncil.gov.uk
Telephone (01202) 634250