

# APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS



**WOKINGHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make sure we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life and can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals.

Registering for free meals could also raise additional money to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child.

In order to do the initial check, we use the NI number, the DOB and the first 3 characters of the surname (so might include an apostrophe) so please make sure the information you provide on this form is the same as what you provide to HMRC.

Please do **not** put down foster parent if you are a family member informally taking care of the child(ren) so there are no hold-ups in doing the checks. The eligibility of children in local authority care is at the council's discretion.

## **PARENT details**

Surname																	
Forename																	
Date of Birth	D	D	/	M	M	/	Y	Y									
Relationship																	

	Letters		Numbers						Letter
NI number	A	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	A

If you are making a claim for asylum, an eligibility check **MUST** require a NASS number even if you have another Home Office Reference number. Please don't send in a request until you have one. The first two digits is the year, the third and fourth digits is the month.

NASS number	Y	Y	M	M					
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**CHILDREN'S details**

Please ensure you send a separate application form to all relevant schools and include every child for whom you would like to be checked as their eligibility status will be based on your current circumstances. If you get one child checked and they are eligible it does not automatically mean siblings who attend a different school are also eligible if you don't apply.

Surname	Forename	Date of Birth
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**Declaration**

**I CERTIFY THE INFORMATION GIVEN IS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE.**

I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for free school meals and will contact other sources as allowed by the law to verify my entitlement.

I understand the results of any free school meal eligibility check may also be used to assess my entitlement to claim other benefits related to my child's education, e.g. school travel.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

We are committed to ensuring the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals.