

Applying for Free School Meals & Universal School Meals



All applications have to be made online. The online application can be found on the following website;

<https://www2.barnsley.gov.uk/services/education-learning-and-childcare/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals>

To complete the form, click on the appropriate hyperlink within the page.

For parents/carers who do not have internet access should telephone the Customer Contact Centre who will be able to complete a form with a member of the telephone team.

The Customer Contact Centre telephone number is 01226 787787.

Qualifying Criteria

The qualifying criteria for free school meals is:

- Income-based & Contribution-based JSA or ESA on an equal basis
- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA).
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Working Tax Credit, provided they have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 per year (eligible for 2 Year Old Funding only)
- Universal Credit