

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN BRIGHTON & HOVE

Make sure you're not missing out on free supermarket vouchers over the summer holidays!

Many families are entitled to Free School Meals but are not claiming this support. Free School Meals support in the form of supermarket vouchers will be provided over the summer holidays for all children who are registered for Free School Meals. Apply as soon as possible to Brighton & Hove City Council so that you don't miss out.

This information sheet will explain if you might be eligible for Free School Meals and how to apply. It includes information for families that receive welfare support and for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

## Please apply if your child receives any of the following:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're **not** also receiving Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be **less than £7,400 a year** (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

*Please note: if you are receiving any Working Tax Credit (not run on) you are **not** eligible for free school meals*

If I get?	Do we get free meals?
Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit	No
Child Tax Credit (Household income above £16,190)	No
Child Tax Credit (Household income below £16,190)	Yes
Working Tax Credit (Household income below £16,190)	No

Please apply **by 10<sup>TH</sup> July** on [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onlinefreeschoolmeals](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onlinefreeschoolmeals)

Otherwise you can call the Free School Meals team on 01273 293497 and we can undertake an online check for you in complete confidence. You will need to tell us your National Insurance Number or your National Asylum Seeker Number (NASS), your date of birth and your surname (as it appears on your benefit letter).

Or you can email Free School Meals on [freeschoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@brighton-hove.gov.uk) with the above information.

# NO RECOURSE TO PUBLIC FUNDS? YOU CAN STILL RECEIVE SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

Thousands of families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF) have become **temporarily** eligible for Free School Meals support and will receive free supermarket vouchers until schools reopen for all children. To get this support over the summer holidays your child must be registered for Free School Meals.

You may be eligible for Free School Meals and summer holiday supermarket vouchers if you have no recourse to public funds (NRPF) **AND** your household earnings are less than £16,190 per year and because:

- You are a Zambrano carer - A non-EEA National primary carer of a British child
- Your family is receiving support from a local authority under Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989 (for example, from social services or the NRPF team)
- Your family has been granted leave to remain with NRPF on the basis of family or private life grounds

**All children from families who receive Section 4 support from the Home Office are also temporarily eligible for free school meals and do not need to have their income assessed.**

## HOW TO APPLY

The best way to apply is using the online form [NRPF Application](#)

<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/contact-council/apply-free-school-meals>

**DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE OF 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY SO THAT SCHOOLS HAVE TIME TO ORDER SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS BEFORE THEY CLOSE**