Free school meals and help with school uniform

How to apply – follow the link below:

https://bolton.portal.uk.empro.verintcloudservices.com/site/empro-bolton/request/edbens_fsm

If you already receive housing benefit or council tax support, or have recently applied, you don't have to do anything.

If you don't receive housing benefit or council tax support, you need to apply for free school meals.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and moves from primary school to secondary school, you do not need to reapply. Their entitlement to free school meals will continue at their new school.

All other children
The same rules apply as for those starting school, or moving school:

- if you already receive housing benefit or council tax support, your income related free school meals will be given automatically and you don't need to apply
- if you have already applied for help with school uniforms, we will look at the free school meals at the same time and you don't need to apply separately.
- if you don't receive housing benefit or council tax support, you need to apply for free school meals.

When your child gets free school meals, your school will also benefit with additional funding to use in the school.

Income related free school meals.
Income related free school meals can be given to your child in any year at school.

This includes nursery children if they attend before and after lunch at a local authority nursery school or nursery class.

Headteacher: Miss Jenny Dunne
Armadale Road : Ladybridge : Bolton : BL3 4TP
Tel: 01204 333600 Email: head@rumworth.bolton.sch.uk Web: www.rumworth.co.uk

If you get any of the benefits below, you can claim free school meals.

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance Income based.
- Employment Support Allowance Income related.
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - if your letter shows you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year.

If your child gets free school meals, they may continue until March 2025.

Sixth form colleges
If your child attends any of the sixth forms below, they can get income related free school meals.

- Kearsley Academy
- Turton
- Thornleigh
- Canon Slade
- Firwood and Rumworth
- Rivington and Blackrod
- Bolton St Catherine's Academy

If the sixth form is not listed above, you will need to contact them to get your free school meals.

People with no recourse to public funds and you have a child in school, you may also be entitled to free school meals.

Asylum Seekers
If you are receiving support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 you must contact Achievement Cohesion and Integration Service (ACIS).

Universal free school meals
Every child in reception, year one and year two can get a universal free school meal. You do not need to apply for this as your school will give you a form to complete.

Parents / carers will need to send the confirmation paperwork entitling your child to free school meals on the first day back in September.

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