

Free School Meals for Families with No Recourse to Public Funds

Benefits of registering

Since 2022, free school meals (FSM) have been permanently extended to pupils from families with NRPF. Although all primary school aged children in Newham 'Eat for Free' regardless of their families' income or status, there are still many benefits to registering children who are eligible for this benefit. For example:



- A free school meal for pupils in secondary school.
- Access to Holiday Activity and Food provision (HAF) where children and young people can attend a holiday club and access a nutritious meal each day.
- Access to weekly food vouchers during school holidays.
- School receive Pupil Premium funding, this is to provide additional support to children who may be disadvantaged in relation to their peers.
- May be able to receive discounts or free access to school clubs, trips and support with school uniform costs.

Who is eligible?

- Children from families with NRPF with a right to remain in the UK on the grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.
- Children from families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989 who are also subject to a NRPF restriction.
- Children of a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Families holding a BN(O) passport.
- Spousal visa holders, work visa holders, student visa holders.
- Children of Zambrano and Chen carers.
- Those with no immigration status or those who are undocumented.



Please find more information about the above categories [here](#).

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If you are legally able to work, your maximum annual household income cannot exceed:

- £31,200 for families within London with 1 child;
- £34,800 for families within London with 2 or more children.

How to claim?

Click [here](#) to access the online application form.



If possible, please give proof of immigration status and income.

Families who do not have the legal right to work in the UK are not required to provide evidence of income.

How will the information be used?

It is not in the Department for Education's process to share information with the Home Office. Schools return information to the Department for Education including overall numbers of pupils eligible for FSM with no indication of pupils' immigration status.



Need more information?

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