



**July 2026**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make sure that 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.

Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. In accordance with the Social Security Act 1986, your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Jobseekers Allowance Income based (JSAIB)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit, household annual net earned income must not exceed £7,400 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

**Parents who receive Job Seekers Allowance or Employment and Support allowance, which is contribution based, working tax credit or other benefits, are not eligible for free school meals.**

To apply for a free school meal, please click on the link below:

[Free school meals | Free school meals | Ealing Council](#)

Parents will receive a letter confirming their child's entitlement and the school will be notified directly by Ealing Council.

Eligibility will be reviewed annually and notification will be sent to parents automatically.

### **Change of circumstances**

Parents should notify the council of any changes of circumstances:

- Start work and come off benefits or change benefits
- Change of address
- Your child changes school.

### **Appeals**

Parents may appeal against the decision not to provide free school meals. The appeal must be made in writing with supporting evidence if appropriate.

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