

4th June 2025

Dear Year 7, 8 and 9 Parent/Carers,

Update on Free School Meals from September 2025

Are you a Westminster Resident?

If you currently live in Westminster and you have a child/ren in Year 7, 8 or 9, Westminster have funded a Free School Meal for your child/ren since September. This initiative by Westminster did not require the parent/carer to fill in any application forms or meet an eligibility criteria. Unfortunately, from September 2025, Westminster local authority are not continuing with this service.

I am not a Westminster Resident – How does this impact on my child/ren?

If you live outside of Westminster then you will have either been paying for your child/ren's meal through Parent Pay or have already previously applied for Free School Meals. If your circumstances have changed and you think your child/ren may now be eligible for Free School Meals, please find out how below.

What does this mean for my child/ren?

If you are eligible to receive Free School Meals, then you must apply to Westminster (Even if you live out of the borough) as soon as possible to ensure that this can be put in place by September. Once the application form is submitted, we will be notified that your child/ren have been placed on Free School Meals and their accounts will be automatically topped up to the value of a Free School Meal every lunchtime from September. This process can take a number of weeks, so please do complete the form below, otherwise, you could have to pay for your child/ren's meals whilst we wait for confirmation.

How do I apply?

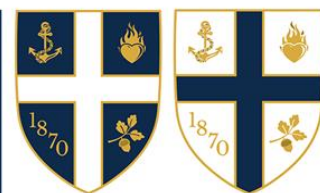
To apply for Free School Meals, please click on the link below to complete the application form. You will need your National Insurance Number and details of any benefits and family income before you complete the form. You must be receiving any of the following benefits in order to apply:

- Universal Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/children-and-families/education/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

I do not know if my child is eligible for Free School Meals – Can I check?





Before applying for Free School Meals, you can check if you are eligible by creating an account and checking via this website <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

I am currently living in temporary accommodation and have no access to benefits or are a new arrival to the UK. Can I still apply for Free School Meals for my child/ren?

Yes. Please complete the application form below and send to fsm@westminster.gov.uk
<https://www.stahigh.org/primary-transition/free-school-meals/>



Reminder to Top Up your child/ren's accounts

Can I please remind all parent/carers to ensure they are checking their child/ren's balance. We have a number of accounts that are not in credit. We will continue to contact families where this is the case and we are happy to offer any support with payment plans and financial advice when we are made aware.

Yours Sincerely

Ms Rachel Kelly
Head of High School



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