

Free school meal information

Customers can re-apply for Free School Meals online

@ www.salford.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or by phoning the Customer Contact Centre on 0161 793 2500, option 3, between 8:30am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Where to make a manual application

Staff at Broughton Hub and our Gateway Centres should be able to process your Free School Meals Application on a drop in basis

Broughton Hub 50 Rigby Street Salford M7 4BQ	Monday 5:00pm to 10:00pm Tuesday to Thursday 10:30am to 10:00pm Friday 10:00am to 7:30pm Saturday and Sunday 10:00am to 2:00pm
Eccles Gateway 28 Barton Lane Eccles M30 0TU	Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 10:00pm Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm Sunday - Closed
Pendleton Gateway 1 Broadwalk Pendleton M6 5FX	Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 10:00pm Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm Sunday - Closed
Swinton Gateway 100 Chorley Road Swinton M27 6BP	Monday to Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm Sunday - Closed
Walkden Gateway 2 Smith Street Walkden M28 3EZ	Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 10:00pm Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm Sunday - Closed

If you attend any of the above sessions please ensure that you take proof of your entitlement to claim Free School Meals, e.g. Child Tax Credit Award letter, DWP award letter or letter from NASS etc.

NB: The National Asylum Seekers Service (NASS) or Border Agency reference number is stated as a 12 digit number on official letters in the format 14/09/00000/001, where the first 4 digits denote YYMM.

Free school meals are for children who:

- live in the City of Salford (the area covered by Salford City Council); and
- go to school (not a day nursery or children's centre) in Greater Manchester (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford or Wigan)

Free meals are not usually available for children who go to independent (private) schools.

Who is entitled to free school meals:

- registered pupils at primary and secondary free schools, academies and local authority maintained schools (including a sixth form centre attached to a maintained school); and
- pupils attending maintained nurseries, as long as they are receiving education before and after lunch.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit (not working)
- Universal Credit (working) where your net earned income is no more than £7,400 a year.*
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit Run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- If you get support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

*Please note: To be entitled to claim free school meals (FSM) when working and claiming Universal Credit, your net earned income for one period should be no more than £616.67, no more than £1,233.34 for two consecutive payment periods, and no more than £1,850.00 for three consecutive payment periods.

Therefore if your net earned income for one, two or three periods are below the upper earnings limits stated, you would be entitled to claim FSM.

When you apply online, you will need to upload screenshots of each page of the relevant payment statement(s), especially the page(s) showing any deductions that

are being made, with your online application, so we can then determine if you are entitled to claim free school meals.

However, if your net earned income exceeds the limits for one period, £616.67, or two periods £1,233.34, or three periods exceed £1,850.00, then you would not qualify to claim FSM.

Children who receive any of the above benefits in their own right (for example they get payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

How to apply : complete the form in the link below :

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/>