

Free school meals

Since September 2014, Gloucestershire Schools have been offering Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils a free school meal. This will be in addition to the free school meals service currently offered to pupils whose parents are in receipt of qualifying benefits (shown overleaf).

Research has shown that healthy free school meals improve children's learning and productivity whilst saving parents money. The number of children benefiting from free school meals in Gloucestershire has increased significantly over recent years as have the quality of meals and nutritional benefits to the children.

Registering could also raise money for your child's school

Even if you don't want your child to receive a meal, you should still register, so that their school receives as much funding as possible from the Government. By registering you could raise an extra **£1300** to help fund valuable support for your child like extra tuition, teaching assistants, after school clubs, music lessons and sports activities.

To do this, please complete the form overleaf if your child will be entering reception, year one or year two in September and return it to Travel Assistance and FSM Team, Access to Learning, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TP. For children in year 3 and above please also send the form to the aforementioned address.



How the information in this form will be used

The information you provide will be used by the school to claim Pupil Premium Funding from Central Government. This is the amount of grant money the school can claim, and is based on the number of children from families receiving the qualifying benefits, as detailed on this form.

It is really important that you complete all the information requested on this form, to help keep Gloucestershire schools as well funded as possible.

Free school meal registration form

Please complete the form in full in block capitals and hand it back to the school if your child will be entering reception, year 1 or year 2 in September. For children in year 3 and above please send the form to the Transport & Benefits Team, Education, Learning & Libraries, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TP.

Please call the Transport & Benefits Team on **01452 425434/425390** or email **edsupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk** if you have any questions about completing this form.

If your circumstances change, please inform your child's school immediately.

A) Your Full Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss) _____

Date of Birth _____

Relationship to child(ren) _____

Full Address _____

Postcode _____ Telephone number (inc. code) _____

Email _____

Please state your National Insurance Number

Please state your NASS Number: (Asylum Seekers _____/_____/_____)

B) Please tick boxes below to indicate which benefit you are entitled to:

Income Support Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance Child Tax Credit (**not Working Tax Credit**)

Guaranteed Pension Credit Employment & Support Allowance (**Income related**)

Asylum Seeker Support Working Tax Credit 4 week 'run-on'

Child's Surname	Child's First Name	Date of Birth	Year Group	Name of School

DECLARATION

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. Any personal information you give us is held securely and will be used only for council purposes. Information that was given for one purpose may be used for other council purposes, unless there are legal restrictions preventing this.

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Date _____

Office Use Only

Officer: _____

Date processed: _____