

Universal Free School Meals: Registration Form Academic Year: 2024/2025

We write to you on behalf of your child's school as you have a child(ren) who will be starting in Reception in September 2024 and will be entitled to receive a universal free school meal at no cost to you.

From September 2024, choosing a school lunch for your child(ren) will help save you up to £400 per year per child, if you take up the offer. Meat and vegetarian options are available every day, and we can consider other dietary requirements where a menu is agreed in advance. Please discuss this with your school.

This is a popular offer in Sandwell. To help us plan and ensure that schools can claim the correct level of funding for your child and help us plan for the number of children having a school lunch from September 2024, please provide the details requested in the form and return to your school as soon as possible.

We will use this information to check for eligibility to claim additional grant money from central government. It will be used for no other purposes and will remain confidential to us. There may also be other benefits for your child offered by your school, e.g. free trips etc. Please ask your school.

Education Benefits Team - Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Section 1: About your child(ren) entering Reception Year in September 2024 (Please complete in BLACK ink and CAPITAL LETTERS using your child(ren's) legal names)

First name of Child 1	Surname of Child 1
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Date of birth (Child 1)	School Child 1 Attending
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

First name of Child 2	Surname of Child 2
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Date of birth (Child 2)	School Child 2 Attending
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Do you have other children of school age attending a Sandwell school? Yes No

Section 2: Children whose parent/legal guardian receive any of the following are entitled to universal free school meals additional funding

Is your joint family income over £16,190 per year? Yes No

If you have ticked 'Yes' above, please go straight to Section 3 overleaf.

If you ticked 'No', please tick the relevant box if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below.

- Income Support
- Universal Credit - with a household net income of less than £7,400 a year
- Job Seekers Allowance - Income Based Only
- Employment and Support Allowance – Income Related Only
- Pension Credit – Guaranteed Element (including Child Tax Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only – with an annual income of less than £16,190
- (**NOT** including Working Tax Credit – check your latest Tax Credit Awards Notice if you are unsure)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Please tick this box if you are not sure whether your joint family income is over £16,190, but you would still like us to check if your child is eligible. Please now continue to Section 3.

