

FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

Important Changes from September 2026

MORE CHILDREN CAN NOW QUALIFY

From September 2026:

- ✓ All families receiving **Universal Credit** can apply
- ✓ More children will now be eligible for **Free School Meals**

ELIGIBILITY EXPLAINED

◇ Targeted Support

Households on Universal Credit earning **£7,400 or less** per year

◇ Expanded Support

Households on Universal Credit earning **over £7,400** per year

IMPORTANT CHANGE


All other Free School Meal protections will **end in July 2026**

→ **Every child must be reassessed before the new school year**

✓ WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

- ✓ Complete a short application form **for each child**
- ✓ Use the link provided by your child's school

KEY DEADLINE

 **17 JULY 2026 - Apply by this date to guarantee processing before term starts**

NEED HELP?

Speak to your child's school for your application link

 Email: fsm@bromley.gov.uk