

Dear Parents/Carers,

Further opportunities for more families to access Free School Meals

During the COVID-19 outbreak, the DfE is temporarily extending free school meal eligibility to include some children of groups who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF).

New guidance can be found:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/guidance-for-the-temporary-extension-of-free-school-meals-eligibility-to-nrpf-groups>

These groups are:

- Children of Zambrano carers
- Children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- Children of families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

These groups are also subject to a maximum household earnings threshold of £7,400 per annum.

The DfE is also temporarily extending eligibility to children of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999. This group is not subject to a maximum household earnings threshold

If you believe you qualify for this and do not already receive Free School Meals, please complete the application below and email it to office@deferrers.com

Following receipt of the application **and further to supplementary evidence being provided as necessary**, we will ensure that we follow this up and retrieve funding for supermarket vouchers.

Application form for temporary free school meals from families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

Please complete this application form if you are in one of the following categories and would like to apply for free school meals during the temporary extension as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

To fill in this form, all applicants should complete:

- part 1 and 2;
- the relevant section for their category in parts 3-6; and
- part 7, apart from those receiving support under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

When completed, please ensure the declaration at the end of the application is also signed.

Further information relating to this temporary extension in the guidance on [providing free school meals during the coronavirus outbreak](#).

1. Child's details

Surname of child	First name(s) of child
Date of birth of child (dd/mm/yy)	Nationality of child
Address of child	

2. Parent/carer's details

Surname of parent/carer	First name(s) of parent/carer
Relationship to child	Nationality of parent/carer
Address of parent/carer	
Category applying under: Zambrano / Article 8 ECHR / Section 4 Immigration & Asylum / Section 17 Children Act 1989	

3. Zambrano carers

If you are the holder of a derivative residents card, please share a copy. (A photograph is acceptable) If not, please sign your initials next to each of the following statements to confirm that you meet the criteria.

Carers must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible.

- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) am not a British citizen.
- I confirm that the child is a British citizen.
- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) am a direct relative or legal guardian of the child.

- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) have primary responsibility for the child.
- I confirm that there are no other people in my family in the UK who could look after the child.

Please also complete section 7.

4. Leave to remain in the UK under article 8 of the ECHR

If you have leave to remain in the UK under article 8, please provide evidence of this. Evidence could include a letter from the Home Office granting you leave to remain, or a biometric residence card.

Please also complete section 7.

5. Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you are receiving section 4 support, please provide evidence of this. Evidence could include a letter from the Home Office or local authority confirming Section 4 support, and should be dated within the last six months.

People applying under this category are NOT required to complete section 7.

6. Section 17 of the Children Act 1989

If you are receiving Section 17 support, please provide evidence of this such as a Child in Need letter from the local authority dated within the last six months.

Please also complete section 7.

7. Evidence of earnings

To be eligible for free school meals, applicants must also show that they are earning less than £7,400 annually. This equates to a maximum of £616 per month. Where possible, please also provide a document to show this – this could be a bank statement, a pay slip or an employment contract.

Are you employed?	
If you have a partner, are they employed?	
If you are employed, are your annual net earnings less than £7,400 per year?	

Declaration of applicant

I (Name)

Of (Address)

confirm that the information I have provided above is accurate and true.

I agree that the information I have provided can be shared with the local authority, the Department for Education and other government departments for the purposes of assessing eligibility for a free school meal.

Parent/Carer/Guardian with legal responsibility for care of the child	
Signed	
Print name	
Date	