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Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meals

There are two free school meals schemes.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes - Universal Infant Free School Meals

All pupils in these years are eligible to receive a free meal at lunchtime, regardless of their parent's income. These are provided at all Bury Council maintained schools, academies, free schools, and pupil referral units.

You do not have to apply for these. However, if your child is in these year groups and you get one of the qualifying incomes shown below it will help the school and your child if you make a claim for free school meals, as they can get extra funding.

Families on low incomes - income related free school meals

From **Year 3** onwards free school meals are only available if you get one of the following:

- Universal Credit - and your earned income is less than £7,400 a year, after tax and not including any benefits
- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you get Working Tax Credits you will not be eligible unless you are receiving the four week 'run on' payment after stopping work.

To Apply for income related free school meals

1. If you **live in Bury Council's area, and your child attends a school in the borough**. Please use the online form at <http://www.bury.gov.uk> >Schools and learning>School meals> Free school meals

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