**MIDDLEBROUGH COUNCIL FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILTY**

Parents who receive certain benefits are eligible to apply for free school meals for their child.

Eligibility

If you live in Middlesbrough and receive any of the following support payments, you are eligible to apply for free school meals for your child.

1. Income Support
2. Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
3. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
4. Support under Part VI of the *Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
5. The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
6. Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs)
7. Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
8. Universal Credit

How to claim free school meals

* Visit your child's school and complete an application form. Breckon Hill School will email your application form to the free school meals office
* [Download and complete the free school meals application form](https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Benefits-free_school_meals_application.pdf), hand completed form to Breckon Hill School Office. School will email the completed application form the free school meals office.

What happens next

Once your claim has been assessed, a Middlesbrough council letter will be sent to inform you of the outcome and Middlesbrough Council will notify Breckon Hill Primary School of the outcome by email.

Change in circumstances

It is the parent/carer’s responsibility to contact the free school meals office if your circumstances change, for example, if you no longer receive one of the qualifying benefits, you have moved house, or your child moves to a different school.

Contact us

**Free school meals team email**:

[fsm@mouchel-middlesbrough.com](mailto:fsm@mouchel-middlesbrough.com)

or

**Breckon Hill Primary School email:**

[contact@breckonhillprimary.co.uk](mailto:contact@breckonhillprimary.co.uk)