

APPLICATION FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS



EFSM – F1

PERSON NUMBER:

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FREE SCHOOL MEALS CANNOT BE BACKDATED.
APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED FROM THE DATE THE LOCAL AUTHORITY
RECEIVES YOUR FORM.**

Section 1 – Applicant Details (the Parent or Guardian in receipt of benefit)

Forename's of Father/Guardian _____	Surname _____
Forename's of Mother/Guardian _____	Surname _____
(Mrs/Ms/Miss/Mr delete as appropriate)	
Address _____ _____	
Post Code _____	Tel No _____
National Insurance Number of Father/Guardian _____	Date of birth _____
National Insurance Number of Mother/Guardian _____	Date of birth _____
Are you a One Parent Family? Y / N	Have you applied before? Y / N
Previous address if moved within last 12 months _____ _____	

Section 2 – Children

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Name of School	Relationship to Child

Section 3 – Benefit

I am in receipt of: (please tick relevant box)

- Income Support
- Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based)
- Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit)
- Child Tax Credit with a joint annual taxable income not more than £16,190.00.
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)

Section 4 – Declaration

I CERTIFY that the information given on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and **I will notify the Council immediately of any change in circumstances.**

I agree that you will use the information I have provided to process my claim for Free School Meals and will contact other sources as allowed by law to verify my initial, and ongoing, entitlement. I understand that the results of any Free School Meals eligibility check may also be used to assess my entitlement to receive free travel to school. I also understand that the information contained in this form maybe passed to a third party if they are involved in the provision of free school meals.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Applicants are advised that it is a criminal offence to knowingly make an untrue statement or other false information to obtain a grant, contribution or other financial benefit from the Council. This Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers and to this end may use the information on this form within the authority for the prevention and detection of fraud.

OFFICE USE ONLY: -

Date ECS Checked: - _____

Date Information Requested: - _____

Notes: - _____

FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS IMPORTANT NOTES



Parents/Guardians will no longer be required to send a copy of their benefit evidence to support their claim.

We will check your entitlement on the Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service where data is held by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs and the Home Office. If the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking Service is unable to confirm that you are entitled to Free School Meals, it will be necessary for us to ask you to provide evidence.

From the 1st May 2009 where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to Free School Meals.

If you are in receipt of one of the following you may qualify for Free School Meals: -

**Income Support, or
Pension Credit (Guaranteed Credit) or
Jobseekers Allowance (Income Based), or
Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related), or
Child Tax Credit and their joint Annual Taxable Income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs) is £16,190.00 or less**

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IF YOU ARE IN RECEIPT OF WORKING TAX CREDIT ON A REGULAR BASIS YOU WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

Application forms should either be returned to your child's school or the **Revenues and Benefits Assurance Section, Educational Benefits, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, Redcar and Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar. TS10 1YA**

Alternatively you can contact Educational Benefits on 01642 774774 and an application form can be completed over the telephone.

If you have any questions about Free School Meals you can contact us by:

- Telephoning – 01642 774774
- Emailing – educationalbenefits@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk
- Visiting - Visiting Customer Services at Redcar and Cleveland House, Kirkleatham Street, Redcar, Low Grange District Centre, Normanby Road, Southbank or Belmont House, Rectory Lane, Guisborough.