

# MAYESPARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Universal Free school meals for Primary Schools

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has recently announced that all primary school children attending state schools in London will receive free school meals for the full academic year, starting this September. This additional government funding could save you up to £440 across the year.

If you would like your child to have a free school meal they must inform the class teacher at morning registration, there is no pre-booking system. Alternatively, if your child is having a packed lunch they must bring this in with them in the morning.

If your child has any known allergy that the school has not been informed of, please contact the school office so we can arrange to update our records and notify the Kitchen Manager.

Attached is a letter from the Mayor detailing the Free School Meal programme with advice for families on how to access additional advice and support.

In addition, your child may be eligible for additional school funding up to £1300. Please see the attached Pupil Premium Funding letter which sets out information on how you can apply for the funding.

For parents of children currently in Key Stage 2 (years 3,4, 5 and 6) please check your child's school dinner account and clear any outstanding balance.

If you have any queries please contact the school office on 0208 599 2263.

Yours sincerely,

Ms E Davies  
Headteacher



# MAYOR OF LONDON

London Borough of Redbridge

Date: July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

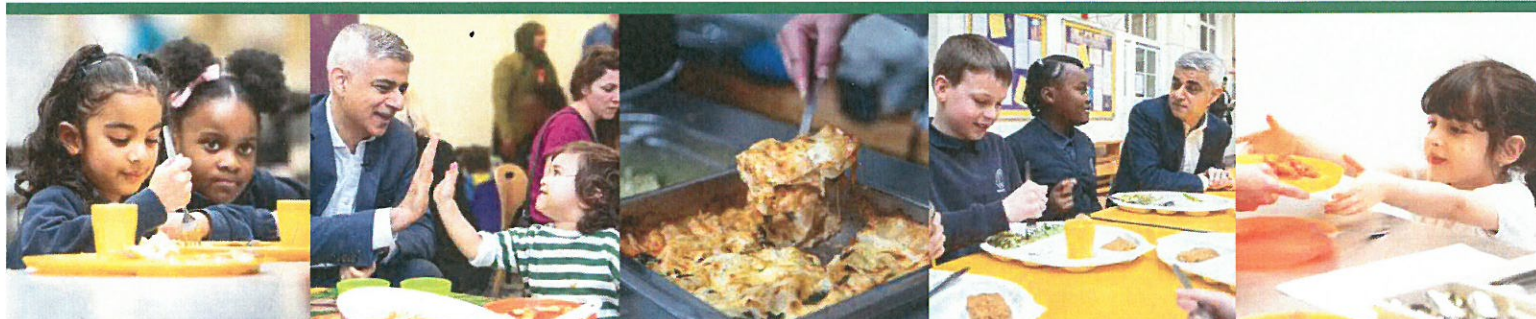
I'm delighted to inform you that City Hall is ensuring all primary school children who attend state schools in London will receive **free school meals** for the full academic year, starting this September.

As Mayor of London, I know parents/carers are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis right now. That's why I've taken the decision to provide funding to expand on the Government's limited existing free school meals offer. This means all state funded primary school children in London are now eligible for free school meals.

The funding we're providing will help up to 270,000 primary school children in London, like yours, access free school meals and could **save your family upwards of £440 across the year.**

Your child will receive their free school meals automatically, but it's vitally important that you still complete your school or borough's registration form in case your child is eligible for extra funding for their school from the Government, worth £1,300 per year. That's extra money to spend on enrichment activities, teacher development, and targeted support for the children that need it most. Depending on how schemes operate in your borough, it may also entitle you to other benefits like food vouchers during the holidays. There is more information about registration in your borough here: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/free-school-meals/>.

**Those parents/carers whose children already qualify for free school meals under the Government's existing offer must also continue to apply for free school meals as before.**



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# MAYOR OF LONDON

My administration has taken the unprecedented step of providing this funding because we're deeply concerned by the number of primary school children going hungry in London's classrooms. Eligibility criteria for the Government's existing free school meals offer is strict, which means many parents/carers and children who need this helping hand have been missing out. But from September – thanks to our intervention – that will all change as part of our effort to build a better London for everyone.

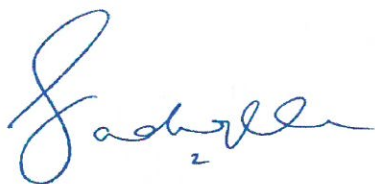
As someone who received free school meals myself, I'm incredibly proud that we're able to step up and provide this crucial lifeline to London's families during such tough economic times. I firmly believe that every child deserves the chance to be able to grow up healthy and thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. But for this to happen, children must be able to access healthy, nutritious meals.

My online hub for families provides all the information you need about our scheme. Please find the link here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/free-school-meals>.

Families who are struggling with their financial situation can also access advice and support by visiting my cost-of-living hub here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/communities-and-social-justice/help-cost-living>.

Your school will be in touch with more details of how you can take up the offer of the free school meals. I wish your family a happy and healthy academic year – and I hope they enjoy their free school meals.

Yours sincerely,



**Sadiq Khan**  
Mayor of London



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Dear Parents and Carers

## Pupil Premium Funding

### Did you know that you may be able to help fund learning for your children?

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families to do their very best. This funding is called Pupil Premium. If you qualify you can help increase our school's budget simply by registering. Your child would be entitled to funding to help in a number of ways such as additional learning support, purchase of learning resources and provision of emotional & mental health support.

- If you qualify we will provide your child with a **free school jumper and book bag**.
- You will **pay less for educational visits** as the school subsidises this.
- Your child can access free holiday club with meals included.
- The school also receives £1300 per child per academic year to support them with their learning.

**This will not affect any other benefits you may receive, nor is the information shared.**

### Do I qualify?

You can register for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- 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)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**Ask us if you are not sure.**

See page two for how to apply....

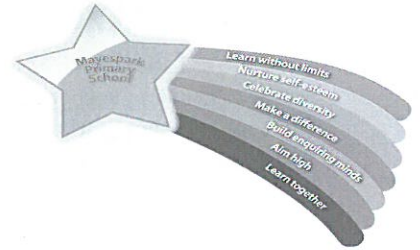
### How does it work?

Registering is easy. Simply create an account on [this page](#).



You will need the following information:

- Your name
- Your date of birth
- National Insurance No.
- Child's details (Name, date of birth, school)



If you wish to check your eligibility first – you can use this site <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

To ensure we are able to claim this additional funding to benefit the children of our school, we urge all parents who think they may be eligible to contact the Council. All information provided will be completely confidential.



Who else is eligible for Pupil Premium support?

- Children who have left care.
- Children with a parent who is serving in HM forces.



Please let the school office know if this applies to your child. Thank you in advance for your assistance. The additional funding that the school receives through Pupil Premium funding makes a real difference to the way we are able to support your child.



Yours faithfully

Ms E Davies  
Headteacher

