



NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

from September 2026

Good food.  
Better learning.  
Brighter futures.



Check if your child is eligible and apply to make sure they receive the support they're entitled to.



## APPLYING IS QUICK, EASY AND CONFIDENTIAL.



Your information is safe and will only be used to check eligibility.

## COULD YOUR CHILD BE ELIGIBLE?

From September 2026, more children will be able to get Free School Meals.

If you receive any of the benefits or support listed below, your child could get free, nutritious meals every school day.

## HOW TO APPLY THROUGH BRADFORD COUNCIL – IT'S EASY!

1



### GO ONLINE

Visit the Bradford Council website and go to 'Free School Meals'.

2



### COMPLETE THE FORM

Fill in the simple online application with your details and your child's information.

3



### SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

You'll get a confirmation message or email once it's received.

4



### GET YOUR DECISION

You'll usually receive a decision within 10 working days.

MORE THAN A MEAL



Extra funding for your child's school



Support with learning and wellbeing



Help with costs for trips and activities



Access to holiday clubs and food support schemes

"It all adds up to brighter opportunities for your child."



APPLY TODAY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Apply online through Bradford Council:

[www.bradford.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

If you need help applying, contact your child's school or Bradford Council.

SCAN ME



to visit the Bradford Council website



EVERY CHILD. EVERY OPPORTUNITY.  
Apply for Free School Meals.



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