

Sign up for universal free school meals now!



Dear parent or guardian

This letter is sent to you by Brighton & Hove City Council on behalf of your child's school. You have received this letter as you have a child/children who will be in Reception in September 2022. Since September 2014 all children in this year group have been able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent/guardian.*School meals in the city are healthy, tasty, social and fun and choosing a school lunch for your child/children will help save you up to £420 per year if you take up the offer. This has been a popular offer with children and guardians.

Quality food, every day...

All schools in Brighton & Hove have meals freshly prepared every day. We use high quality ingredients which provide the right amount of energy to ensure that children can work better in the afternoons.

- All meat used is British and meets the Red Tractor Standard
- All eggs used are free range and sourced locally
- 75% of our dishes are cooked from scratch
- All fish served is Marine Stewardship Council (MSC- certified sustainable seafood)
- Fresh fruit or organic yogurt is available as an alternative to dessert every day
- Our current menu is accredited by the Soil Association and meets the Silver Food for Life Standard alongside the revised Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition recommendations for sugar and fibre.

Meat and vegetarian options are available every day, and we can cater for children who have other dietary requirements where a menu is agreed in advance. This can include religious, cultural or allergy and/or intolerance diets. Forms and further information will be available from the school as part of your child's starter pack. Please provide the required information prior to the end of July in order for a modified meal to be available in September.

Please check with the school regarding menu availability in September 2022.

Can my child still bring a packed lunch?

Yes they can, but we would encourage them to try a school lunch. This will give them a varied and balanced diet and save you time and money.

To help ensure that your child's school is able to claim the correct level of funding and help us plan for the increase in children having a school lunch, please provide the details requested on the form overleaf and **return to your school.**

Yours sincerely,

Dr Jo Lyons, Assistant Director, Families, Children & Learning (Education & Skills)

*NB: A cash alternative is not available for those pupils not taking a school lunch



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City Council**

All children who are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will be offered a healthy school lunch for no charge, to help us plan please answer the following:

From September, my child will require a school lunch? Yes No

Do you currently receive free school meals (benefits based) for this child or any other children? Yes No

Information about you and your children and our privacy notice

This information will be used by the council to check for eligibility for free school meals and to claim additional grant money (the 'pupil premium') from central government. It will be used for no other purposes and will remain confidential to the council. There may also be other benefits for your child offered by your school – please ask your school. Should you show as being eligible we will notify you and the school. Full details of our privacy notice can be viewed at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Guardian details

	Guardian Surname	Guardian Forename	Guardian Date of Birth Day/Month/Year			National Insurance or NASS number									
1			DD	MM	YYYY										
2			DD	MM	YYYY										

Child details

Child's Surname	Child's Forename	Child's Date of Birth Day/Month/Year			School	Year Group (from Sept 21)
		DD	MM	YYYY		
		DD	MM	YYYY		
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Current address

Postcode:

Daytime telephone number

Mobile:	Home:
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Thank you for completing this form – please return it to your child's school as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions, please ask your school or call the school meals team on **01273 295051**.