



# St Saviour C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

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## Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 presently receive free school meals through the Universal Free School Meals scheme funded by the government, however you may also qualify for Free School Meals.

When your child gets free school meals (*not Universal Free School Meals*), the school also benefits from additional funding to use in the school. For every child in receipt of a benefits related free school meal the school receives an amount of money each year. This can be spent on additional support in, and out of the classroom for your child, for example 1:1 tuition, reading help. *Educational trips or visits your child is part of can also be paid for with this funding, as can any extra-curricular clubs in school your child may wish to attend.*

You can claim free school meals if you receive housing benefit or council tax support, or if you qualify for any of the following:

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance Income based
- Employment Support Allowance Income related
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as your letter shows you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year

Contact Bolton Council [Free school meals – Bolton Council](#), Tel: 01204 336950  
[E-mail: schoolmeals@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@bolton.gov.uk), or your relevant local authority if you think you are entitled.

The school receives this funding for the whole time a child is at school even if they stop having free school meals. The information from Bolton Council regarding qualification is on the reverse of this letter.

If any parents wish to know more don't hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely  
Mr J Moorhouse  
Headteacher



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**What are free school meals?** They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools). They may also be awarded to some children outside this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

**Do I qualify?** To qualify you or your partner must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (but no award of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenues and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 any earned income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**What evidence is required & how do I apply?** You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above benefits. You do not need to make a separate claim if you are already getting or have applied for Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support. We will use the information and evidence you have already provided to confirm your entitlement.

If you would like to make a claim this can be done by;

- Telephoning 01204 331590 or
- Visit our website [www.bolton.gov.uk](http://www.bolton.gov.uk) (search for free school meals)

In addition from **September 2014** children who are attending full time at any Sixth form college (not private) may also be eligible.

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