

Free school meals



- **Eligibility**
 - UIFSM - All Key Stage 1 Infants Pupils (Reception, Year 1 & 2)

 - **Implementation**
 - September 2014 – The Children & Families Bill

 - **Is a Claim required?**
 - Yes for those families that would be entitled under the old eligibility criteria – pupil premium is then protected for all schools
 - *Families that would be entitled under the normal eligibility rules should submit a pupil premium (FSM) claim which will ensure our data is kept up to date and accurate*
- <http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/AdviceBenefitsAndEmergencies/PupilStudent/Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Pupil Premium

- The LA continues to register those children entitled to a free school meal under the current criteria
- This will protect the pupil premium (£1300 per eligible pupil)
- This is being logged and tracked on current LA systems
- Reports are being sent fortnightly to all schools in the LA
- This data will continue to be collected by the DFE through the school census

Current Free School Meals Eligibility

- Existing entitlements to free school meals for disadvantaged pupils in nursery classes and at key stages 2-4 will continue as now, based on the existing free school meals eligibility criteria.
- A Claim needs to be made – online or submit a paper form directly or via school
<http://www.lbbd.gov.uk/AdviceBenefitsAndEmergencies/PupilStudent/Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>
- Claims only end when entitlement ends due to a Change of Income and/or circumstances – claims are continuous and move school to school (LA administered)

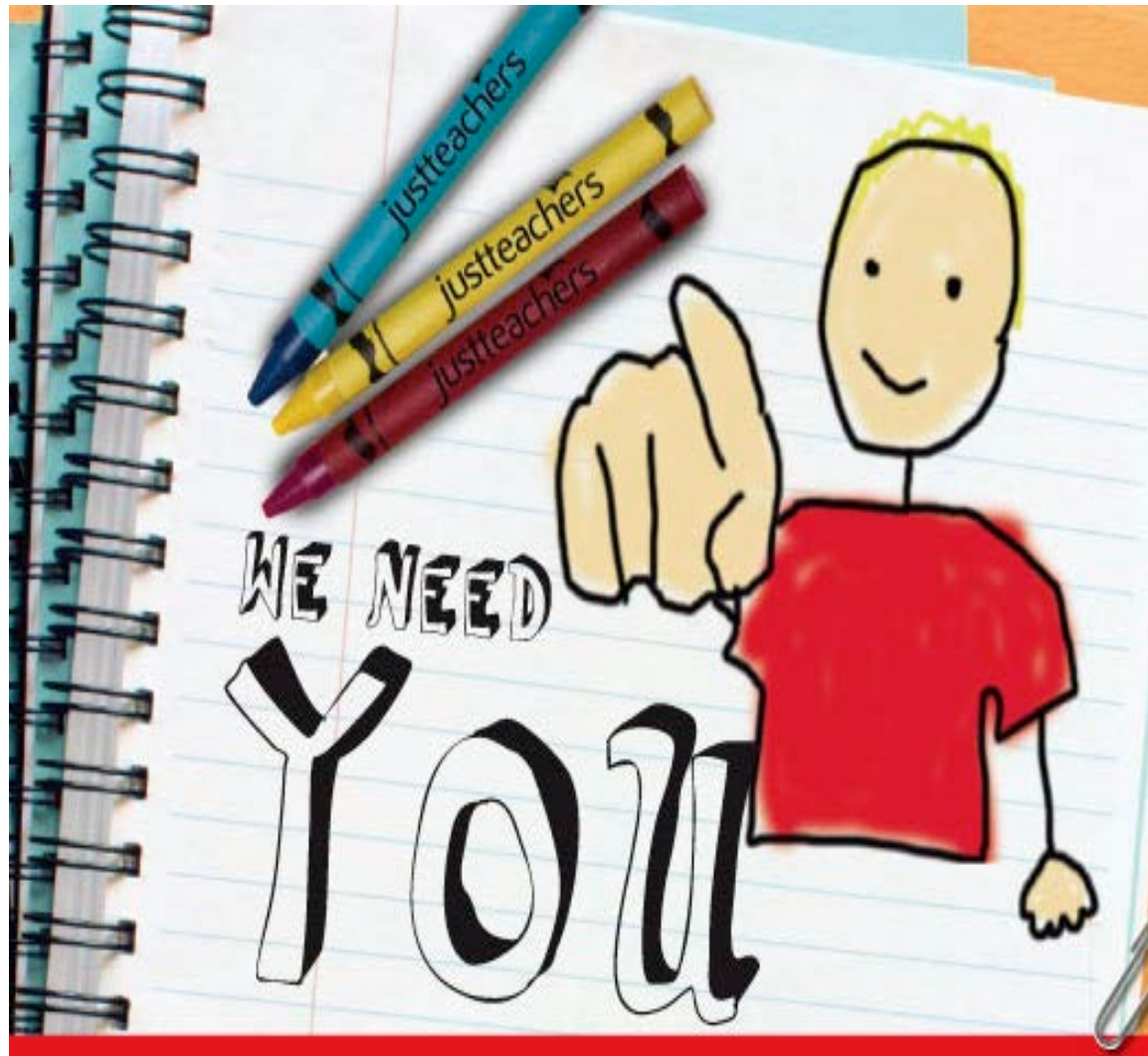
- In England, children at key stages 2-4 in state-funded schools are entitled to receive FSM if their parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following benefits:
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit (provided they are 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

WHAT WE DO

- EOY process for FSM
- Liaise with admissions
- Liaise with schools
- Liaise with parents

- Process all new FSM and CA claims

- Potential Qualifiers Reports
- Key Stage 1
- Key Stage 2 onwards



- Schools can assist us and maximise their Pupil Premium Funding by encouraging all their parents to ensure any details we hold on current claims are correct and up to date with the following information;
 - Full Names of children
 - Correct Dates of Birth
 - Schools their children are attending in the Local Authority

- Check your fortnightly lists and ensure your data is up to date
- Encourage potential qualifiers to claim and register even if they do not want the FSM
 - we will provide the reports
- Contact us if you have any queries
- TELL US of any changes
 - i.e. a Child leaves or joins your school role
- Help us to help you and maximise your pupil premium funding

FAQ:

- Where do we send any queries?
- educationbenefits@lbbd.gov.uk

- How do we get our current entitlement lists?
- These are emailed via egress weekly direct to schools

- Can we check pupil entitlement ourselves?
- No – the current benefit legislation does not allow schools to have direct access to the DWP system HUB – this has to be checked by the LA Benefits or Education Department