

## About free healthy secondary school meals

Question	Answer
How does the scheme work in school?	A cashless payment system allocates meal allowances to eligible pupils. Pupils will be informed how the system works by schools.
Will my child be identified as getting of free healthy secondary school meals?	No. All mainstream Southwark secondary schools use cashless payments, so your child will not be identifiable at the till or in the dining room.
When will my child start to get a free meal?	Your child's school will contact you when they are ready to launch the free school meals. We expect most schools will start after October half term.
If my child already gets government benefits related free school meals (FSM), do I need to apply for this Southwark Council scheme too?	No. But do apply if your eligibility for government benefits related free school meals changes in the future.
My child doesn't live in Southwark but does go to a Southwark school, can I apply for this Southwark Council scheme?	Yes.
Are Year 7 to Year 13 students included?	Yes.
Can my child spend their meal allowance at morning and afternoon break?	No, only at lunchtime.
Can my child use this allowance for packed lunches?	No, the allowance can only be used for food provided by school at lunchtime.
Can my child use any unspent allowance on following days?	No, daily unspent allowance balances are not carried forward.
What evidence of my household getting Universal Credit will I have to provide?	<p>You'll need to provide the school with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one of recent bank statement with Universal Credit deposit evidence</li> <li>• screenshot of current Universal Credit portal account</li> <li>• letter confirming family are supported by the Council due to NRPF (No Recourse to Public Funds)</li> </ul>
How often will I need to give evidence that my household gets Universal Credit?	Once per academic year.
Will my child receive meal vouchers during the school holidays?	No.