

Children and Adult's Services

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Apply for free healthy secondary school meals now if your child is eligible.

We're pleased to let you know that Southwark Council will be providing free healthy secondary school meals for many secondary school pupils this academic year 2023/24. This is to help families through the cost-of-living crisis that we know is still affecting many residents.

We are grateful to The Mayor of London who is funding free primary school meals across London. Southwark Council has already provided free healthy school meals to all primary pupils since 2013, and so the additional funding from the London Mayor will now enable us to expand our offer to secondary school pupils:

- from families who get Universal Credit
- and who are not currently eligible for government benefits related free school meals (FSM) if their household income is more than £7,400 per year.

Bacon's College invites you to apply if your household is eligible.

You can apply for free healthy secondary school meals by completing [this form](#)

As part of the application, you need to provide evidence that your household gets, or has recently applied for Universal Credit. Further information is detailed in the application form above.

Applying for and getting Southwark free healthy secondary school meals **will not** affect any government benefits you get or are entitled to.

FAQ's about the scheme can be found in the next attachment. If you have any other questions or concerns, contact schooloffice@baconscollege.co.uk

You can find out more about the scheme at: www.southwark.gov.uk/secondary-meals.