## Register for Universal Infant Free School Meals now!

### All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are offered a free school meal at no

**cost to the parent or carer.** School meals in Enfield are healthy, tasty, social and fun and choosing a school lunch for your child will help save you up to £400 per year if you take up the offer. In Enfield this has proved popular with parents and children alike.

### Quality food, every day

Most of the school meals in Enfield primary schools are provided by Enfield Catering Services who are very proud of the food they serve and ensure the meals your children eat are met by the high standards demanded. For further information, please visit www2.myschoollunch.co.uk/enfield

### 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. NB. A cash alternative is not available for those pupils not taking a school lunch.

# Your child may be eligible for free school meal protection up until Year 6 in primary school

From the 1 April 2018, eligibility for free school meals changed, whilst Universal Credit is being rolled out to replace existing benefits. If you receive one of the benefits listed over the page and qualify, your child's free school meal will be protected until March 2022, even if your circumstances change. Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will keep their free school meal until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary school.

### Extra funding for your child's school

It is also important to sign up for free school meals, so that your child's school can claim as much funding as possible. Schools can claim additional funding from central government, known as the 'Pupil Premium' for every child whose parent or carer receive one of the benefits listed over the page. This additional money is used to ensure that children achieve academically and have full access to educational and cultural actives. However, it is for the school to decide how the money is spent. For more information, please ask at your child's school.

### To Register for free school meals, we need information about you and your child.

This will help us plan for the number of children having a school lunch, confirm if you qualify for free school meal protection and whether the school is entitled to the additional pupil premium funding. Please complete the form overleaf and return to your child's school as soon as possible.

#### How the information on this form will be used

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information.

The information you provide will be used by the Council to process your application, to populate our database and ensure efficient checking and authorisation in accordance with Free School Meal legislation.

Your information may be shared (internally and externally), with schools to advise them of the outcome, the Department for Education to comply with statutory data collection and other teams within the LA to verify information such as Council Tax.



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Initials:

Please answer the following questions and return to your child's school as soon as possible. Please check the details you provide before submitting your application. If you require any assistance completing this form, please ask at your child's school. Please complete all sections in BLOCK CAPITALS.

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