

Sign up for universal free school meals now!



Dear parent or guardian

I am writing to you on behalf of your child's school as you have a child who will be in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 in September 2014. From September, all pupils in these year groups will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent/guardian* as recently announced by the government. School meals in the city are healthy, tasty, social and fun and from September 2014 choosing a school lunch for your child/children will help save you up to £400 per year if you take up the offer.

In Brighton & Hove we anticipate that this will be a popular offer with children and guardians. To help us plan for your child and their school for September, please complete the form overleaf and return to your school as soon as possible.

Quality food, every day...

All schools in Brighton & Hove have meals freshly prepared every day. We use high quality ingredients which provide the right amount of energy to ensure that children can work better in the afternoons.

- All meat used is British and meets the red tractor standard
- All eggs used are free range and sourced locally
- 75% of our dishes are cooked from scratch
- All fish served is Marine Stewardship Council (MSC- certified sustainable seafood)
- Fresh fruit or organic yogurt is available as an alternative to dessert every day
- Our current menu is accredited by the Soil Association and meets the Bronze Food for Life Standard

Meat and vegetarian options are available every day, and we can cater for children who have other dietary requirements where a menu is agreed in advance. This can include religious, cultural or allergy and/or intolerance diets. Forms and further information will be available from the school office once your form is returned. You can see the current school menu at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schoolmeals This menu will be introduced in April 2014 and will be on offer in September 2014.

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.

To help ensure that your child's school is able to claim the correct level of funding and help us plan for the increase in children having a school lunch from September 2014, please provide the details requested on the form overleaf and return to your school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lyons'.

Dr Jo Lyons, Assistant Director, Children's Services (Education & Inclusion)

*NB: A cash alternative is not available for those pupils not taking a school lunch From September 2014

From September 2014 all children who are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will be offered a free healthy school lunch, to help us plan please answer the following:

Does your child currently have a school lunch? Yes No

From September, my child will require a school lunch? Yes No

Will your child require a menu to meet special dietary needs? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief description eg gluten free...

Information about you and your child – please complete one form for each child.

This information will be used by the council to check for eligibility to claim additional grant money (the ‘pupil premium’) from central government. It will be used for no other purposes and will remain confidential to the council. There may also be other benefits for your child offered by your school – please ask your school.

Do you currently receive free school meals for this child or any other children? Yes No

Guardian details

	Parent/Guardian Surname	Parent/Guardian Forename	Parent/Guardian Date of Birth			National Insurance or NASS number								
1			DD	MM	YYYY									
2			DD	MM	YYYY									

Child details

Child's Surname	Child's Forename	Child's Date of Birth			School	Year Group (from Sept 14)
		DD	MM	YYYY		

Current address

Postcode:

Daytime telephone number

Mobile:	Home:
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Thank you for completing this form – please return it to your child's school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please ask your school or call the school meals team on 01273 295051.

