

Hull School Meals A Healthier Choice



What children eat is important for their growth and development – which is why we are making food in schools healthier, but we need your support. Encouraging your children to try new food will really make a difference.

IMPORTANT Parents/carers
must claim to receive free
school meals

Inside is information on school meals and charges



HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS

Hull City Council have introduced healthy school meals which represent good value. All meals meet the latest government's food standards.

For primary children there is a set charge of £1.30 per meal and for this pupils receive a healthy main course, pudding and a drink.

All primary children receive a piece of fruit each day (free of charge). Over 80% of primary schools also provide free breakfasts (at breakfast clubs).

Secondary children may choose from a range of healthy food and drink items which are individually priced. Secondary children who qualify for free school meals can spend up to £1.80 per meal.

School meals are subsidised by the Council and the above charges are amongst the lowest in the country.

Who can claim free school meals?

Parents or carers in receipt of:

- Income Support, or
- Jobseekers Allowance (income based), or
- Child Tax Credit (but **not** Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less, or
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR), or
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit or, who are
- Asylum Seekers (supported by the National Asylum Support Service)



In addition children must attend a school within Hull on a full time basis up to the age of 16 years or attend a sixth form school.

How do I apply?

The parent or carer who receives the qualifying benefit needs to complete an application form (form EWB1). Forms are available from all Customer Service Centres (see the map on the back page).

You can also obtain a form from your child's school or download a form from the Council's website. After filling in the form you can either:

- Post it to Welfare Benefits, or
- Some schools will check your form and then send the form onto the Welfare Benefits Team, please ask your school.
- Customer Service Centres will check your form and then send the form onto the Welfare Benefits Team.

Unless you are applying on the basis of Child Tax Credit you do not need to send any documentary evidence of income with your form. We will make the necessary checks on your behalf.

If you are applying on the basis of Child Tax Credit you need to submit a copy of your latest Tax Credit Award Notice with form EWB1.

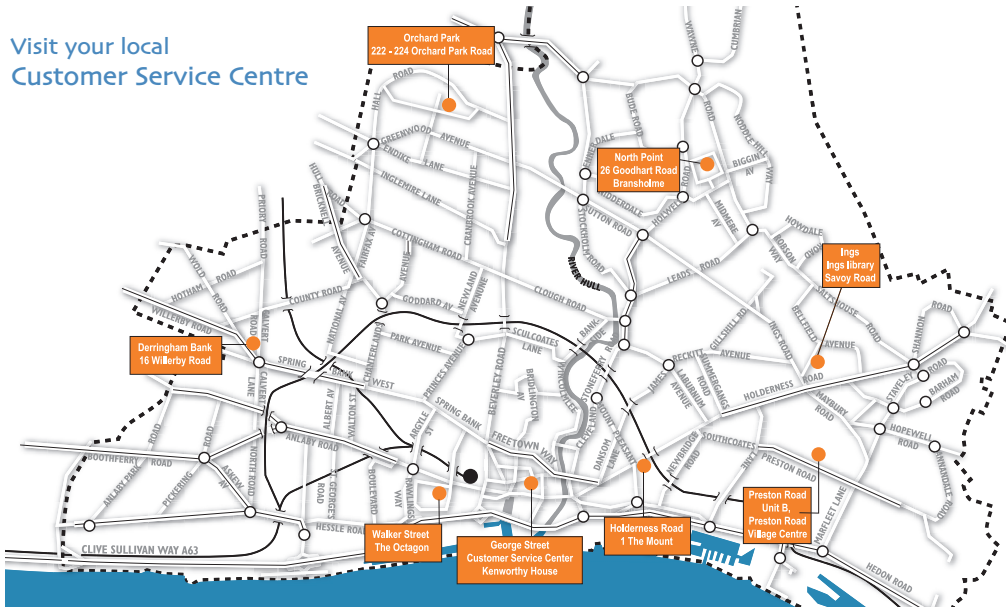
Do I need to reapply?

No, we will undertake checks on your behalf. Therefore free meals will continue to be available to your children throughout their school life unless your benefits stop or your asylum status changes. Should this occur we will write to advise you when meals will stop.

Change of circumstances

It is important that you let us know of any changes in your circumstances: eg change of address, name, school, younger children starting school, or benefits stopping.

Visit your local
Customer Service Centre



Derringham Bank	16 Willerby Road	North Point	North Point Shopping Centre, Bransholme
George Street	Kenworthy House, 98-104 George Street	Orchard Park Road	222-224 Orchard Park Road
Holderness Road	1 The Mount, Holderness Road	Preston Road	Unit B, Preston Road Village Centre
Ings	Ings Library, Savoy Road	Walker Street	The Octagon, Walker Street

If you intend to call in person, any of the above Customer Service Centres will check and receive your form. You can find out the opening hours of your nearest Customer Service Centre by calling 300 300.

If sending information by post, the address to use is:

Hull City Council
Education Welfare Benefits Team
Municipal Buildings
Trippett Street
Hull. HU2 8AA

For telephone enquiries please call:

(01482) 300 300

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