

# Free, healthy school meals application form

Southwark Council is introducing free, healthy school meals for all primary school children in the borough from the first day of term, September 2011.

We're doing this because we want Southwark to be a fairer borough, with children fed well at school, able to do better and enjoying improved health.

To receive a free, healthy school meal, your child needs to attend reception or year 1 in a Southwark primary school and you need to complete this simple form and return it to your school office.

Please can you tell us about the lunchtime arrangements for your child, including any dietary needs.

Lunchtime arrangements

**YES** **NO**  
(please tick as appropriate)

At the moment does your child

Have a school meal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bring a packed lunch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go home for lunch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In September 2011 when all children in your child's year group are offered a free, healthy school meal, will your child

**YES** **NO**  
(please tick as appropriate)

Have a school meal?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bring a packed lunch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Go home for lunch?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Over the page, we are asking for information about your child. The reason we need this information is that it is used by the council to claim extra grant money from the government.

This information also helps decide how much money your school will receive each year.

It is really important that all parents complete this form to help make sure that Southwark schools are as well funded as possible.

Please complete all sections  
and return to your school office.

Find out more at  
[www.southwark.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### Child's details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Date of birth	Name of school

### Parent/carer's details

Parent/carer's surname	Parent/carer's first name
Parent/carer's current address	Please provide your old address if you have moved in the last year

Southwark schools depend upon collecting accurate information to ensure correct funding from the government. Please take a moment to complete the section below.

Do you receive benefits? (please tick as appropriate):

- Yes, please complete the following questions  
 No, I do not receive benefits, please go straight to the declaration

Families receiving benefits are required to complete this section and provide details of the benefits they receive. Your information can be checked automatically and confidentially using information held by the Department for Work and Pensions. By providing your National Insurance number and date of birth you can avoid having to send copies of your personal information.

Parent/carer's National Insurance number

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer's date of birth

\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration

I confirm the information given is accurate. I understand Southwark Council may contact other government departments only for the purpose of verifying this information.

Signature of parent/carer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the box to show which  
type of benefit(s) you receive.

- Income Support  
 Income based Jobseeker's Allowance  
 Employment and Support Allowance  
 Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service)  
 Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit  
 Child Tax Credit and joint family income of no more than £16,190

If you have NOT provided your National Insurance number or date of birth, please include the following proof of benefits with this form (proof must be dated within the last six months).

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit – provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit (all eight pages of this letter must be sent and dated within the current financial year)
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999