

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Registering for free school meals will enable your child to have a free meal each day and will provide the school with extra money.

If you are entitled, registering for free meals could raise an extra £1,320 per child for school to fund additional and valuable support.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving certain benefits. **It is important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 or if they bring a packed lunch so that school receives as much funding as possible.**

Qualifying benefits are:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, providing you are do not get Working Tax Credit, and your annual gross income is less than £16,190
- guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you feel you may be entitled, or are not sure, please visit:

www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Or phone 0161 253 5858

If you do not have access to the internet, please speak to a member of the office staff who can arrange for internet access and assist you with this application.

If you have any queries, please contact school.