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Free school meals

So no child goes hungry

From September 2023, all state primary school children in London will be eligible for free school meals for the next school year, saving families hundreds of pounds.*

Search 'Free school meals London' to find out more.



*At the time of calculation (May 2022), the average cost to families for a primary school meal was around £2.30 in London. This represents a cost saving per child of around £440 over 190 school days across the academic year. Source LACA Ltd.



“I received free school meals myself, so I know from personal experience the difference they can make to children who are at risk of going hungry – and to parents who are struggling to make ends meet.

That’s why I’m stepping in to provide this critical lifeline to London’s families during such tough economic times.”

Sadiq Khan, Mayor of London

Your Mayor is investing £135m to tackle the cost-of-living crisis and ensure that children can enjoy a free lunch for the whole of the academic year.

It is vital that families still complete their school or borough’s short registration form for Government Free School Meals. This will ensure you’ll receive other benefits you may be entitled to, like food vouchers during the holidays. It could also bring the school an extra £1,300 in funding. That’s more money for extra curricular activities, teacher development, and support for children who need it most. Ask your school for more info or visit your borough website.

You may also be able to access food, activities or wider support over the holidays and weekends via the Mayor’s Emergency Free Holiday Meals programme. Search ‘Free holiday meals London’