

BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Why claim?

Due to the way funding works for school, the more children that claim free school meals the more money is allocated to us. This means more funds for books, resources, educational visits and other things that could really do with a boost!!

Does your child have to eat the free meal?

No. In fact, a sizeable proportion of free school meals aren't used by the children.

Will anyone else know that I've claimed free school meals?

No. In fact, the way we deal with school dinners means that only the teacher knows whether someone is entitled to a free meal. It is not discussed or mentioned when asking about who is to eat a school dinner or packed lunch.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for free school meals, parents/carers must receive at least one of the following support payments:

- Income support;
- Income based employment and support allowance;
- Income based Job Seekers allowance;
- Child Tax Credits (but NOT working tax credit) and have an annual income of £16,190 or below from 6 April 2010;
- Guarantee element of State Pension credit.

How do I claim?

There is a form you can collect from the school office which has a small number of boxes to fill in. If you need help please ask.

Did you know?

Did you know that eligibility to free school meals entitles parents/carers to a reduction in the cost for school journeys.

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