

Free School Meals Application

To apply, visit www.solihull.gov.uk/FSM and you will arrive at this page. Click on the green button that says **Apply for Free School Meals**.

If you receive benefits or have a low income, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Apply for Free School Meals

If your child attends the following school, please contact the school directly to submit a Free School Meals application:

- ▶ [Castlewood School](#)
- ▶ [The Heights Academy](#)

Free School Meals (FSM)

You may be eligible for Free School Meals if you receive a qualifying benefit.

This could be:

- ▶ Universal Credit - your household earned annual income must be less than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits
- ▶ Income Support
- ▶ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- ▶ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ▶ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ▶ The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- ▶ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ▶ Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Click **Sign In** or **create an account** under the Free School Meals section

2 Year Old Funding

Your 2 year old child may be entitled to a free childcare place for up to 15 hrs per week.

If your application is successful you will be able to take up a place at an approved Solihull childcare provider.

You will need to create an account before you can apply. If you already have an account on the parent portal you can click [Sign in](#) or [create an account](#) to add your child to your existing account and make an online application.

School Admissions

In - Year applications

To apply to move your child in-year (not at the schools normal point of intake) you must complete an application form. You cannot apply through this portal for an in year application.

The application form and the accompanying information can be found on our website under the section [moving schools during the school year](#)

School Admissions 2025 intake

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Reception, Infant to Junior and Secondary 2025

If you live in Solihull and your child is due to start reception or secondary school or your child is in year 2 of an infant only school, you can apply here.

If you live outside of Solihull you will need to contact your home local authority to make an application.

You should look at the admission arrangements for each school that you are applying for. You will find them on the school's website. It will advise if there are any additional instructions that you need to follow as part of the application process; i.e. provide proof of faith or register for an entrance test.

The closing dates are as follows

Secondary - 31 October 2024

Reception & Infant to Junior transfer - 15 January 2025

14-19 2025 intake

If your child was born between 01/09/10 and 31/08/11 you can apply for a place at WMG Solihull and WMG Coventry to start year 10 in September 2025.

The closing date for applications is 31 January 2025.

For all other UTC applications in other council areas contact the UTC directly to find out how to apply.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals or a universal infant free school meal.

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Please note - if you are already eligible for free school meals and are either attending a Solihull school or moving from one Solihull school to another Solihull school you **DO NOT** need to reapply as your meals will continue in September 2025

If you were receiving free school meals at an out of borough school and will be moving to a Solihull school in September 2025 then **YOU DO** need to apply here for free school meals as these will not automatically transfer from your old school.

If your financial circumstances have changed and you think you may now be eligible please login or register to apply as above.

We are open **all year round** so you are able to apply during school holiday periods and contact the Family Information Service if you have a query regarding your Free School Meals application.

When your application has been processed you will be sent an email to advise you of the outcome. The school will also be advised of the result.

All applications are processed in date order and we will email you with the outcome. Please allow 5 working days for a response.

More information: [Family Information Service](#)

Email: familyinfo@solihull.gov.uk

Phone: 0800 389 8667

More information: [School Admissions](#)

Email: admissions@solihull.gov.uk

Phone: 0121 704 6693

More information: [Free School Meals](#)

Email: edfreesm@solihull.gov.uk

Phone: 0121 704 6611

Using a tablet or a smartphone? Use the [sign in](#) or [create an account](#) links on the left hand side of the screen.



Enter your **username** and **password** or **Create Account** if you have never applied for Free School Meals, 2 year old funding or a Solihull School place before



Sign In

Sign in or create an account with us.

Enter your username

You must enter a username to continue

Next

Create Account

You will then see this screen which asks for you to enter your NI or NASS number. Select the appropriate button and enter the details.

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Your Details

Select Children

Your Results

Your Details

(1 of 3)

Please fill in your National Insurance (NI) or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number:

NI or NASS Number * ☐ NI ☐ NASS

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Save

You will then be taken to a screen to add your child(ren) who you want to apply for Free School Meals. If you have applied before your children will appear and you will need to select them if you want to apply for Free School Meals. You can add children by clicking on the 'New Child' button.

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Your Details

Select Children

Your Results

Select Children

(2 of 3)

Please be aware that only children between the age of 2 Year(s) and 18 Year(s) will be displayed.

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Select the child(ren) you wish to include in the free school meals application.

New Child

If your children aren't listed, click add child first and add their details.

Once you have selected your child(ren), click **Submit Application**. You will be given an instant result and you will receive an email confirming that your application has been submitted.

The Free School Meals team will process your application within five working days but at busy time this may take a little longer.

If you are eligible for Free School Meals we will contact your child's School to inform them.