

Billing Brook

Free school meals

Information for Billing Brook families

2026–2027



Receiving Universal Credit?

Your child may now qualify, whatever your household earnings.

Previous transitional protection has ended. Please check your current entitlement, even if your child received free meals before.

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Targeted free school meals

- Universal Credit households with net annual earnings of £7,400 or less, excluding benefits.
- Free school meals, plus eligibility for linked support such as the Holiday Activities and Food programme.
- Other qualifying benefits and some families with no recourse to public funds may also qualify. Ask us for help.



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Expanded free school meals

- Universal Credit households with annual earnings above £7,400.
- Free school meals during term time.
- This route does not automatically qualify children for the additional support linked to targeted free school meals.



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Universal infant free school meals

- All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, regardless of family income.
- No eligibility application is needed for these meals.
- Still check for targeted entitlement, as this may unlock additional support.



Check your eligibility

North Northamptonshire Council
www.northnorthants.gov.uk/parent-portal
Select Free school meals in the parent portal.

West Northamptonshire Council
forms.westnorthants.gov.uk/xfp/form/839
Apply for free school meals – eligibility check.

School sixth-form families can also ask us to check eligibility.



We're here to help

Speak to JODIE, LILI or JO.

Or talk to your child's teacher and we will get in touch.

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