

SECONDARY TRANSFER and FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Important Information:

For parents of children currently receiving means tested free school meals in Year 6, transferring to secondary school in September 2025.

The Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals ended **on 31 March 2025**. As from 1 April 2025, if you no longer meet the eligibility criteria for free school meals your child's entitlement will end when they finish primary school.

This means all children in year 6 moving to year 7 in September 2025 will be re-assessed to check if their entitlement to free school meals can continue at secondary school.

If you have accepted a school place at one of the following secondary schools your entitlement will be re-assessed for means tested free school meals.

Aylward Academy	Heron Hall	St. Ignatius College RC
Bishop Stopford's	Highlands	Southgate
Chace Community	Kingsmead	The Latymer
Edmonton County	Laurel Park	Winchmore
Enfield County school for Girls	Lea Valley Academy	
Enfield Grammar	St. Anne's Catholic High for Girls	

- Enfield Council free school meals team will check the data we have to see if your child's eligibility can continue when they start secondary school. The team will carry out the checks during June and July. If at that time the result of the check is 'Not Eligible', we will let you know. If the result is 'Eligible', we will transfer the free school meal entitlement to one of your chosen schools listed above.

Enfield Council does not process free school meal checks for all secondary schools, parents must contact some secondary schools directly.

- If you have accepted a secondary school place at one of the following schools; **Aim North London, Ark John Keats, Oasis Academy Enfield, Oasis Academy Hadley and Wren Academy Enfield**. Please check with the school to see what their free school meals process is.
- If you have accepted a school place in a **neighbouring borough for example in Barnet, Haringey, Hertfordshire, Waltham Forest etc**. Please contact the school or the Local Authority where the school is located for advice on how to make an application for free school meals.

If your child does not receive their free school meal entitlement at secondary school.

- For the first week of the new term, we would strongly recommend that you provide your child with a packed lunch or pay for meals.
- Please speak to the secondary school as early in the term as possible and they will advise you what to do if their records do not show free school meal entitlement for your child.

Children who qualify for free school meals when they start secondary school will be subject to termly checks.

Eligibility for free school meals will be re-checked every half term and if you no longer check eligible, you will be informed that the entitlement will be cancelled.

- If your free school meals are cancelled, you will be informed of the date the meals will end and be given approximately 10 days notice.
- After this date you must pay for meals or send your child into school with a packed lunch.

Please note: If you have an older child attending secondary who receives free school meals, their entitlement will be protected until the end of Year 11. Free school meals are awarded on an individual child basis, **not on a family basis**. This means that a Year 6 child transferring to secondary school, **will not** automatically be entitled to free school meals because they have an older sibling who is.

If you have further questions.

Please check the Council's website to see if your question can be answered [Free school meals | Enfield Council](#) or, email; freeschoolmeals@enfield.gov.uk Please provide your child's name and date of birth in your email.