

Title of message: Providing free school meals to families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

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Action/Information: Information and action as appropriate

Providing free school meals to families with no NRPF

The DfE have permanently extended free school meal eligibility to children in all households with NRPF. Subject to maximum income thresholds. For Further information of the guidance including confirming household income please [Click Here](#)

Action Required

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) would ask all schools to support families within these groups (who wish to apply for a FSM) by completing [sample](#) FSM application form. Completed forms to be sent to freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk.

HCC will assess the application and contact the school with the decision. The school should then inform the family of the outcome and retain a copy of the application for their records.

Note: We are not able to use the eligibility checking system (ECS) to confirm eligibility for these families as they will not be in receipt of UC or legacy benefits. Therefore, please do not submit an online application via the free school meals website.

Further Information

For enquiries about this article or Pupil Premium please contact us at cs.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk

For general enquiries about UIFSM, FSMs, , applications or to check pupil data please contact us at Freeschoolmeals@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Please refer to the HCC Website for information about the Introduction of Universal Credit and the phasing out of other income-based benefits.