



Charles Darwin School

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Dear Year 6 parent/carer

Essential update for September 2025 regarding Free School Meals

If your child is currently receiving Free School Meals or you feel that they may be eligible to do so, please be aware that when changing stage of schooling, ie from primary to secondary school or Year 11 to 6th form, all families must reapply before September to continue or start to receive them.

Charles Darwin school comes under the London Borough of Bromley. The link for application is as below:

[New application for free school meals | Instructions – London Borough of Bromley](#)

Or at www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMealsApplicationForm

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you receive or are eligible for any of these 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 guaranteed 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – With net earned income of no more than £7,400 a year

Registration is confidential and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Students can also register for free school meals if they receive any of these benefits themselves. Registering for Free School Meals would entitle them to £2.50 per day.

Please also be aware that the busiest time of the year for applications is July and August when it may take in excess of the normal 15 days to process. **We strongly suggest that applications are made asap to ensure that you your child has Free School Meals if eligible before they start with us in September**

Kind regards

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