

Free School Meals Service Helping Your Pupils

Autumn Term Newsletter for Schools and Academies



Included:

- October 2019 Census report dates
- Reminder of our service
- Contact details for schools
- Launch of Look, Say, Sing, Play



Walsall Council



Schools can
phone on our
dedicated number:
01922 650443

October 2019 Census

Full Free School Meals reports will be available on School2School
Tuesday 1st October 2019.

Reports to help your School or Academy

Weekly Reports:

- Weekly (usually a Monday) reports showing added on children from the previous week
- After a holiday (usually on the first day school starts again), this covers all children added during the school holiday period

Full Reports:

These are provided showing all the children eligible at that point in time:

- After school holidays
- Before school census days

Early Years Pupil Premium

Early Years reports will be available for schools informing them as to which children are eligible on School2School Friday **18th October 2019.**

Online application process available

Parents can apply online if they want to and we welcome schools and academies adding the web-link to their own parent information web pages at: https://go.walsall.gov.uk/free_school_meals

If you prefer to link directly to the FSM registration form rather than our webpage, please visit:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/forms/Application-for-Free-School-Meals>

Reminder of our service

- Fast checking of details
- Siblings automatically awarded if a child is already registered at same address and eligibility still exists
- Dedicated phone and email lines ensuring prompt response to enquiries
- Parents can also ask us questions face-to-face at the Civic Centre
- Digital application process for those who want to apply this way
- Checks of benefit data to ensure new children are added to the scheme
- Provision of regular reports to schools
- Automatic transfer of all currently registered children on to their next school if it is within the Walsall Borough and administered by Walsall Council
- Secure email address (FreeSchoolMeals@walsall.gov.uk) for all FSM password protected enquiry forms. We aim to reply within 48 hours
- Link benefits to our other services
- Admissions website has a direct link to our application system
- We can attend parent evenings/intake evenings to advise parents, come into your school and talk to staff to offer help and support
- Our initiatives, promotions and improvements continually generate new awards

Look, Say, Sing, Play launch

Our newsletter is also helping to promote the Look, Say, Sing, Play launch. For more information please contact 0300 555 2866 opt 1.

Contact us



Telephone **01922 650 443** and speak to the FSM Team.



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look say sing play

FAMILY FUN MORNING Wednesday 2nd October

11AM-2PM, The New Art Gallery Walsall

Join us for sessions of fun & games
Explore the benefits of how Look Say
Sing Play can help build your child's brain
throughout the day

Refreshments & snacks provided



Find out more at
[nspcc.org.uk/
brain-building](https://nspcc.org.uk/brain-building)



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