

Ukrainian Refugee Education Grant

Ukrainian children, in schools and early years settings, will be funded on the following daily rates, based on 190 days per year.

Early Years (2-4)	£15
Primary (5-11)	£33
Secondary (11-18)	£44

Schools and early years setting will need to inform the admissions and early years teams of the enrolment date of these pupils. This information will be used to calculate the funding due.

The finance team will, on a half term basis in arrears, calculate the amount due for each pupil and pay the relevant school or early years setting. Pupils enrolled from March to May will be paid in June. Last submission of information, by school/early years setting, will mean that the funding will be paid with the next payment. Those enrolled between June and July, payment will be in August.

The above is subject to change, once we have received grant guidance from the Department for Education.

Free School Meals

The Department for Work and Pensions have laid emergency regulations so those arriving in the UK from Ukraine, as a result of the Russian invasion, can access Universal Credit and jobs support immediately. Families should therefore claim for free school meals in the usual way under the usual eligibility criteria, as listed below:

- 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 - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If the family is not able to provide a National Insurance Number, they may provide the equivalent paper-based evidence to their local authority or school to check.

It is not a requirement to have a National Insurance Number when first applying for Universal Credit, however, one will be allocated during the new claim process, which families will then be able to provide as part of their application for free school meals.

To apply for free school meals, please apply to the Local Authority where the school is located:

The Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames: [Kingston Free School Meals](#)

London Borough of Richmond upon Thames: [Richmond Free School Meals](#)