

24 April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: FSM ELIGIBILITY CHANGES – 24 APRIL 2020**

Please be advised that the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) has recently changed. The following changes have been made to enable temporary access to FSM for families who qualify:

- children of Zambrano carers
- children of families with no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- children of families receiving support under section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction

If you believe that this new criteria is applicable to you and your family please complete the application form attached and return it to our Oasis Academy Silvertown email address given below. If you need further clarification of whether or not you are eligible for the new criteria please visit the government website which gives further information about these changes. The link for the website is included below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/guidance-for-the-temporary-extension-of-free-school-meals-eligibility-to-nrpf-groups>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional support with this by emailing our office team at [office@oasisilvertown.org](mailto:office@oasisilvertown.org)

Yours faithfully



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**Assistant Principal**

*Enc: Application form for temporary free school meals from families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)*

# Application form for temporary free school meals from families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

Please complete this application form if you are in one of the following categories and would like to apply for free school meals during the temporary extension as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

- A Zambrano carer
- Have the right to remain in the UK under Article 8 of the ECHR
- Receiving support under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 AND are subject to a NRPF condition

With exception of those receiving support under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, you must also be earning less than £7,400 per year after tax.

To fill in this form, all applicants should complete:

- part 1 and 2; (**Child's details and Parents/Carers details**)
- the relevant section for their category in parts 3-6; and
- part 7, apart from those receiving support under section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

When completed, please ensure the declaration at the end of the application is also signed.

Further information relating to this temporary extension can be found in the guidance by clicking on the link [providing free school meals during the coronavirus outbreak](#).

## 1. Child's details

Surname of child	First name(s) of child
Date of birth of child (dd/mm/yy)	Nationality of child
Address of child	

## 2. Parent/carer's details

Surname of parent/carer	First name(s) of parent/carer
Relationship to child	Nationality of parent/carer
Address of parent/carer	
Category applying under: Zambrano / Article 8 ECHR / Section 4 Immigration & Asylum / Section 17 Children Act 1989	

## 3. Zambrano carers

If you are the holder of a derivative resident's card, please share a copy. (A photograph is acceptable). If not, please sign your initials next to each of the following statements to confirm that you meet the criteria.

Carers must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible.

- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) am not a British citizen.
- I confirm that the child is a British citizen.
- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) am a direct relative or legal guardian of the child.
- I confirm that I (the carer/parent) have primary responsibility for the child.  
I confirm that there are no other people in my family in the UK who could look after the child.

*Please also complete section 7.*

## 4. Leave to remain in the UK under article 8 of the ECHR

If you have leave to remain in the UK under article 8, please provide evidence of this. Evidence could include a letter from the Home Office granting you leave to remain, or a biometric residence card.

*Please also complete section 7.*

## 5. Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you are receiving section 4 support, please provide evidence of this. Evidence could include a letter from the Home Office or local authority confirming Section 4 support, and should be dated within the last six months.

*People applying under this category are NOT required to complete section 7.*

## 6. Section 17 of the Children Act 1989

If you are receiving Section 17 support, please provide evidence of this such as a Child in Need letter from the local authority dated within the last six months.

*Please also complete section 7.*

**7. Evidence of earnings**

To be eligible for free school meals, applicants must also show that they are earning less than £7,400 annually. This equates to a maximum of £616 per month. Where possible, please also provide a document to show this – this could be a bank statement, a pay slip or an employment contract.

Are you employed?	
If you have a partner, are they employed?	
If you are employed, are your annual net earnings less than £7,400 per year?	

**Declaration of applicant**

I (Name) .....

Of (Address) .....

confirm that the information I have provided above is accurate and true.

I agree that the information I have provided can be shared with the local authority, the Department for Education and other government departments for the purposes of assessing eligibility for a free school meal.

<b>Parent/Carer/Guardian with legal responsibility for care of the child</b>	
Signed	
Print name	
Date	