



Mayor of London UFSM

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UFSM Funding

First and second instalments of funding have been issued to eligible schools

Third instalment expected to be paid to schools in April/May 2025

Payment Schedule	
First instalment (50%)	October 2024
Second instalment (25%)	January 2025
Third instalment (25%)	April/May 2025
Over 90% take up - top up payment*	June/July 2025

* For schools that [report take up of UFSM greater than 90%](#) of eligible pupils

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Calculation of allocation to schools

90% of eligible pupils* x £3 per meal x 190 days = schools allocation**

Eligible pupils are those in state funded primary schools who are not in receipt of FSM or eligible for UIFSM

* Based on 23/24 schools census

** £3.50 per meals for 3 state funded Jewish schools in Hackney

Surplus

The 24/25 allocation for Hackney did not have a significant surplus amount as we did in 23/24. The surplus will likely be used to to either support schools where we have pupil movement as a result of changes to settings or provision under the Education Sufficiency and Estates Strategy. If not, they will be distributed to schools, though amounts will be much less than last year.

UFSM Funding Monitoring & higher uptake

Reporting take up greater than 90%

- The data must show the take-up rate as it occurred on the following two dates:
 - **one date on week commencing 13 January 2025**
 - **one date on week commencing 3 March 2025.**
- Completed [template](#) to be returned to kathryn.loyd@hackney.gov.uk by 28 March
- Please record the uptake date using the template provided by the GLA - available on their website or via this link.
- Manually enter the data for school meal uptake. This must be done for both dates in January and March, before submitting to the Council.
- Check the data is accurate and that priority information is showing.
- Ensure head teacher checks data, and signs form before submitting.
- Schools should send both collection dates in one form at the same time.





Future plans

- UFSM for primary confirmed by Mayor of London for 2025/26 - More information yet to come
- Locally - initial data mapping activity carried out - 200 children over 53 families. Schools received a list of potentially eligible families
- Latest data indicates 27 of these children are now in receipt of FSM, 10 applications were not eligible. Circa 160 children we haven't seen applications for.
- Plan to do this exercise annually
- Further exploration and development towards an opt out / autoenrolment - approach to maximise FSM uptake. **What would schools find most helpful?**

UFSM Resources for Schools from GLA

Resources to support schools with communication to parents, good practice webinars, and information session templates can be found on the [GLA website](#). These resources are kept under review and the page updated. If there are resources you would find useful, please feel free to contact the team to make a suggestion.

