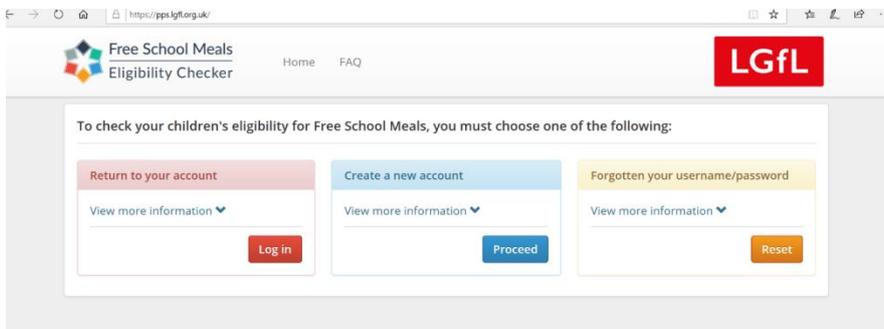


How to check eligibility for Free School Meals

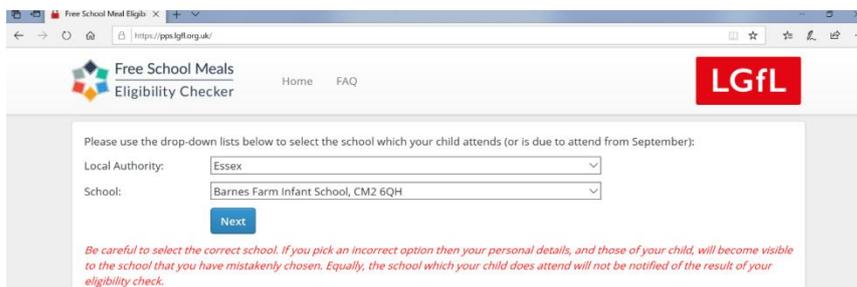
You can check your free school meals eligibility by accessing the website: <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>



- Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the check availability button. You will be taken to the following page:



- Click on the blue proceed button 'Create a new account'
- Select Essex from the Local Authority List and then your child's school from the drop down list and press next



- Scroll down to the bottom of the page and accept the Privacy Notice

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[Free School Meals Eligibility Checker](#) Home FAQ **LGfL**

Please enter your details.

You must complete all of the boxes below - paying particular attention to those in the green area, which indicates information that is matched against DWP/HMRC data.

Parent's first name:

Parent's last name:

Parent's date of birth: day month year

National Insurance number:
(or National Asylum Seeker Service number)

- Enter your details to see if you are eligible. **REMEMBER** if you have made a **recent** Universal Credit claim keep checking as we do not know how long these claims will take.
- You will get an immediate answer

Sorry, but you are not eligible for Free School Meals.

(If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 (i.e. Key Stage 1) then Free School Meals will be provided regardless of your eligibility. The importance of this test is to alert the school about those Key Stage 1 parents who would be eligible for Free School Meals if the government was not already providing them, because schools can claim additional funding for themselves as a result of such pupils.)

- If you are eligible you will have the option to print a certificate. **Please send a copy of the certificate (even just a screenshot on your phone) to the school.**