

Education Benefits Matrix – 2008/09

You may be eligible for the financial assistance shown below by proving the welfare benefit you receive

Am I eligible?	Free School Meals	School Clothing Grant	Assisted Transport	Free Saver Card	Free Herts Student TrainCard	Help with Music Fees	16 to 19 Learner Support Fund	Cycle Training Fees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income Support (IS)/ Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA) • Child Tax Credit, not getting Working Tax Credit, annual gross family income no more than £15,575 (from 06/04/08) • Guarantee element of State Pension Credit • Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 	Yes	No longer available from 1 April 2008	Yes but availability of assisted places on school transport is very limited. You should phone Education Benefits helpline on 01438 737370 and ask for an application form. Your local Admissions and Transport team will advise if there are any places available in your area.	Yes	Yes	Yes 100%	No longer available. Some help may be available through schools or apply for Education Maintenance Allowance at www.direct.gov/ema or phone on 0808 1016 219	Yes 50%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Tax Credit, payable at a rate higher than family element, i.e. more than £547.50 (or £1,095.00 if you also have a child under 1 year old) • Working Tax Credit • Housing Benefit • Council Tax rebate (not including second adult rebate) 	No					Yes 50% reduction		

Who should I apply to?

	Herts address		Out of county addresses - Reciprocal authorities*		Inland Revenue Tax Credits helpline - 0845 300 3900 Evidence needed for applications: (copies only) For Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit element) a) a copy of a recent Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) or Jobcentre letter granting the benefit, dated within 28 days of application b) the school's secretary can photocopy the recent letter (as above), sign and stamp as seen (with the school's details) For Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit: A copy of the most recent HM Revenue and Customs Tax Credit award notice (TC602). The school secretary can photocopy the TC602 tax credit award notice, sign and stamp as seen Bank Statements are not accepted as proof of benefit. For Housing and Council Tax Benefit (not including second adult rebate): A copy of the letter granting the benefit. This must be dated within 28 days of application. If you do not have the information above the relevant DWP Jobcentre, District/Borough Council or HM Revenue and Customs office should be able to provide you with a copy. Contact Jobcentre Plus at Watford Benefit Delivery Centre, Watford, WD99 1AA, phone 0845 608 8583 (Fax 01923 208321)
	Herts school	Out of county school	Herts School		
Free school meals	Herts	Herts	Barnet Brent Bucks Cambridgeshire Haringey Harrow	Essex Peterborough Slough Suffolk Waltham Forest	
Clothing grant for infant, primary, middle and secondary schools and in-year admissions	Herts	Herts	No		
Assisted transport	Herts	Herts			
SaverCard	Herts	Herts			
Student TrainCard	Herts	No			
Music fees	Herts	No			

*Pupils in schools outside Hertfordshire should normally apply to their home local authority for all financial assistance. However, there is an agreement in place that Hertfordshire LA processes applications for **free school meals** from residents of the authorities listed above. The above is for free school meals only – any application for other financial assistance should be referred to the home authority.

Helpful numbers: Barnet – 020 8359 2000 Bedfordshire – 01234 363222 Brent – 020 8937 1234
 Buckinghamshire – 01296 395000 Cambridgeshire – 01223 717111 Enfield – 020 8366 6565
 Essex – 08457 430430 Haringey 020 8489 0000 Harrow - 020 8863 5611 Hillingdon – 01895 250111
 Luton - 01582 548170 Peterborough – 01733 747474 Slough – 01753 475111 Suffolk – 0845 606 6067
 Waltham Forest - 020 8496 3000