

Free School Meals (Primary Schools) Bill

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BE IT ENACTED by the King’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Provision of free school lunches

(1) *Section 512ZB of the Education Act 1996 (provision of free school lunches and milk) is amended as follows.*

(2) *In paragraph (4A)(b), after “year 2” insert “, year 3, year 4, year 5, year 6”.*

(3) In subsection (4C), after the definition of “year 2” insert—

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““year 3” means a year group in which the majority of children will, in the school year, attain the age of 8;

“year 4” means a year group in which the majority of children will, in the school year, attain the age of 9;

“year 5” means a year group in which the majority of children will, in the school year, attain the age of 10;

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“year 6” means a year group in which the majority of children will, in the school year, attain the age of 11;”.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

(1) This Act extends to England and Wales.

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(2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act may be cited as the Free School Meals (Primary Schools) Act 2023.

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