

Asylum seekers who receive support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#) are entitled to FSM.

Those who are receiving Section 95 support and Section 4 support.

Also refused asylum seekers may also be eligible for FSM if have No Recourse to Public Funds ([Government has extended FSM to include children who are from some families with NRPF if on eligible low income](#))

As with funding for pupils arriving from Afghanistan, we understand that DfE funding for pupils arriving from Ukraine (under visa scheme) will be made to the LA this term for distribution to schools. When we have more details on the mechanism for funding we will share this with you. Details of funding rates are on slide 13. The LA will need to check records with schools so please keep clear pupil records to ensure that you receive all eligible funding under this route.

The children coming through the BNO Hong Kong visa scheme, the Ukrainian Family visa and the Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship schemes can be classed as refugees because they are newly arrived, suffer the same circumstances, vulnerabilities and have similar needs to children who have been given refugee status by the Home Office

Refugees and asylum seekers can be included within the scope of the Fair Access Protocol. If a school admits these children they can claim a Fair Access credit and they would need to notify us when they upload details of the application to the Schools' Portal. Fair Access admissions are reported by ticking the Fair Access box when the application details are uploaded to the Schools' Portal.

The Fair Access Team can provide further advice in relation to this: fairaccess@birmingham.gov.uk.

You do not need to request proof of address for applicants applying from outside of the UK in order to process their application and offer a place. Some of these applicants may not have a confirmed address in Birmingham when they submit their application. If the school is oversubscribed the child will likely be some way down the waiting list because their address is outside the UK.

From a health and safety perspective, fire drills are essential. It is a requirement that at least one drill is carried out within an academic year, but we do recommend at least three (one every term) as this picks up any potential new starters. Whilst it is good practise to undertake at least one unannounced drill to ensure that this could be reflective of a real incidence, there is no legal requirement. Therefore, schools can ensure that new starters or children that may be affected by the drill are informed in advance to reduce or alleviate the trauma.

If this needs to be discussed further please contact Education Infrastructure team edsi.enquiries@birmingham.gov.uk.