



Northern Ireland  
Assembly

Education (Holiday Meal Payments) Bill  
Notice of Amendments tabled on  
2 July 2026 for Consideration Stage

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Clause 1, Page 1, Line 5

Leave out ‘a financial payment’ and insert ‘financial payments’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 6

Leave out from ‘who’ to end

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 7

Leave out from beginning to ‘children’ in line 8 and insert ‘Article 58(1A) applies to parents of pupils who’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 9

At end insert—

‘(1BA) Without prejudice to the generality of Article 58(1A), where a pupil is attending school on a day within any relevant period, that pupil shall be entitled to both the free school meal and the financial payment detailed in (1A).’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 11

Leave out ‘payment’ and insert ‘payments’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 13

At end insert—

‘(1CA) If an eligible parent does not have access to a bank account, the Authority shall, in accordance with arrangements approved by the Department, make the financial payments by an alternative method.’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 14

Leave out ‘payment’ and insert ‘payments’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 1, Line 14

Leave out from second ‘the’ to end of line 18 and insert ‘a daily allowance specified by the Authority, in accordance with arrangements approved by the Department.’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 6

Leave out ‘payment’ and insert ‘payments’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 1, Page 2, Line 10

Leave out ‘current school meal charges payable’ and insert ‘daily allowance specified’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 16

Leave out from ‘the Summer’ to end of line 19 and insert ‘—

- (a) Summer holidays (all weekdays in July and August);
- (b) Halloween (five weekdays specified in arrangements under Article 58(1A));
- (c) Christmas (ten weekdays specified in arrangements under Article 58(1A));

- (d) February mid-term (five weekdays specified in arrangements under Article 58(1A)); and
- (e) Easter (ten weekdays specified in arrangements under Article 58(1A)).’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 3, Page 2, Line 24

At end insert—

““relevant period” has the meaning given in Article 2(2) of the 1986 Order.’

*Chair, Committee for Education*

Clause 4, Page 2, Line 35

At end insert—

‘(5) Any provisions under subsection (4)—

- (a) which repeal or revoke, or alter, remove or add to any text of, or otherwise modify, any primary legislation may not be made unless a draft of them has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly, and
- (b) are otherwise subject to negative resolution.’

*Chair, Committee for Education*