

### What is Free Cakes for Kids – Reading?

Free Cakes for Kids is a community service to families who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child. A birthday cake is baked by local volunteers with the child's favourite theme. The cake is then delivered to the family.



### Who is eligible?

Any child who would not otherwise receive a birthday cake is eligible. This may be due to financial reasons, but could also be due to circumstances (e.g. young carers, etc.). We have no strict criteria on age, but we would suggest any child up to the age of 18. If the child/family lives outside the Reading area, please get in touch – we may still be able to help or pass the details on to another local Free Cakes for Kids group.

### It sounds a good scheme, but why are you telling me about the service?

Families can refer themselves to receive a cake, but we do like to work with organisations such as yours to provide a referral. So, you could tell a family you work with about Free Cakes for Kids or you could refer a family and provide the information we need so we can help you arrange a cake for the child and their family.

### What will the cake be like and how will it be delivered?

Here are some examples of cakes that other Free Cakes for Kids UK groups have made:



The cake will be delivered by a local volunteer direct to the family or to you so you can present it to the child.

### I know some children that I want to arrange a cake for, how do I make a referral?

We have a referral form which you can complete and email back to us, but you can always just email or call and provide the information that helps us bake a perfect cake for the child you are referring.

### What information is required for a referral?

Firstly we need to know what date the cake is required for. We also like to know what interests the child has so we can personalize the cake for them. We can also add their name and age to the cake. We have a strict 'no nuts' policy, but please let us know if the child you are referring has any specific dietary requirements (e.g. gluten free, dairy free, allergy to colourings, etc.).

### How much notice do you require?

If you can give us one to two weeks' notice that is perfect for us, but we will always try to do our best to help even on a shorter deadline. We could possibly bake cakes with only a couple of days' notice, but we cannot guarantee this, as it depends on the availability of our volunteers.

*If you have any other question please ask!*

You can contact Free Cakes for Kids – Reading in the following ways:

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