

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Reception & Key Stage one

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in **reception class, Year 1 & Year 2**.

Key Stage two & above

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit with annual net earned income of up to £7.4K
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**Read on to
find out more...**

What does your child receive?

A healthy well-balanced lunchtime meal.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will also qualify for the [BACE holidays Programme](#) which involves the provision of free healthy, fun and engaging activities such as football, performing arts during the school holidays.

Want to apply?

Applications for free school meals are processed by each individual school - apply to your school for free school meals. You'll be asked to provide proof of your eligibility and the school cannot provide free school meals without first seeing the appropriate documentation.

Once you have completed the form and handed it in with the supporting documents to your school, your child will start to get free school meals.

No one will know you have registered, and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Did you know?

For every child receiving free school meals their school receives more money.



Ask for a menu!