

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Research shows that better food in schools is improving what children eat during the school day, and there's evidence of a clear link between what children eat at lunchtime in school, where they eat it and how they focus with their teachers in the afternoon.

Currently, **all** children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England will be eligible for free school meals. This includes infant pupils in maintained infant and primary schools, free schools, academies, special schools and pupil referral units.

Free school meals are also available to pupils in years 3 and above whose parents receive certain benefits and register using the form over the page. Please return this form to your child's school if you think you qualify.



Pupil Premium - completing this form could also raise money for your child's school



If your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 it is still important to complete this form because registering for free school meals could also raise extra funding (currently £1320 per pupil in primary schools) from central government which can be used in your child's school to raise the attainment of pupils from lower income families and close the gap between them and their peers. This

also applies to children in year 3 up to year 11 (secondary schools currently receive £935 per registered pupil) who register for free school meals.

Furthermore, even if you don't want your child to receive a free meal we would still encourage you to register for free school meals so that their school receives as much funding as possible.

To register for free school meals, including Pupil Premium, please complete the application form over the page and return it to your child's school as soon as possible to avoid delay.



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APPLICATION FOR FREE MEAL PROVISION & PUPIL PREMIUM AT SCHOOL

Midday provision of meals is given free of charge **only** to pupils whose **parents/guardians** are in receipt of:

- INCOME SUPPORT (IS)
- INCOME BASED JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE (IBJSA)
- AN INCOME-RELATED EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT ALLOWANCE
- CHILD TAX CREDIT: except if you meet ANY of the following criteria -
 - i) entitled to working tax credit (regardless of income)
 - ii) have an annual income in excess of £16,190 (Please note that this figure is for April 2015 and that it can change each year).
- SUPPORT UNDER PART VI OF THE IMMIGRATION AND ASYLUM ACT 1999
- GUARANTEE ELEMENT OF STATE PENSION CREDIT (GE)

DETAILS OF CLAIMANT:

Family Name _____ First Name _____ (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ National Insurance No: _____

I am in receipt of (please circle): IS / IBJSA / Income related allowance / Child Tax Credit / Support under I&A Act / GE

DETAILS OF ALL DEPENDENT CHILD/CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME:

FAMILY NAME	FIRST NAME(S)	M/F	D.O.B.	CLASS

Please indicate if you wish for your child/children to receive free meals: Yes/No

FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH:

For entitlement through Child Tax Credit

- **Photocopy of Form TC602 – Inland Revenue tax credit award notice**

For entitlement through Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

- **Photocopy of Pension Credit M1000 award notice**

For all other entitlements

- **Photocopy of your income support book or a recent letter stating that you are receiving either Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based), Income Support or Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**

PLEASE SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

I certify that the information given is to the best of my knowledge and belief correct. I undertake to notify the school immediately of any change in my circumstances.

Signed: _____ Date: _____