

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



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School Meals are a great way to ensure your child is eating a healthy and well-balanced meal during the school day. Every school meal served meets the Government's rigorous nutritional standards - good to know as evidence suggests that eating well improves a child's concentration and learning.

From September 2014, 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, schools for pupils with special educational needs and pupil referral units.



Are you entitled?

With the introduction of Universal Free School meals we may be missing out on important funding for your child. The pupil premium is additional funding given to publicly funded schools in England to raise the achievement level of pupils. This means we will receive an additional £1,300 every year for six years from the Government to support their education if your child would have been entitled to free school meals because of your family income.

This money must be spent on your child, but it is for the school to decide how it is spent. The school's website will provide information on how the school chooses to use the premium to improve achievement.

We are asking all parents and carers of children in school to complete an application for free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:



- Child Tax Credit with **no Working Tax Credit**
- Income Support
- **Income Based** Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 199
- An income **below** £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) with no Working Tax Credit

If you believe that you are in receipt of any of the above please contact Miss Holmes in the school office who will deal with your application confidentially.

It is also really important, if your circumstances change in the future ,that you inform us straight away.