

Why apply?

- Your child does not need to have the hot meal but could still receive some of the other benefits.
- The government pays schools a Pupil Premium for each child eligible. This could be used for additional support in your child's classroom, or help with school trips or uniform purchase.
- School dinners provide a healthy, nutritious and tasty meal.
- Sitting down together eating a meal helps children develop their social skills.
- Menus, available from the school, are changed regularly.
- There is no distinction between pupils having a free meal and those not.
- Research shows that a hot meal can help children's concentration levels.

Free School Meals are for those pupils aged 4 to 16 (School Years R to 11) who attend morning and afternoons.

Unfortunately on the occasions where eligibility cannot be checked electronically schools may require to see paper proof of benefit.

Your child could benefit if your annual income is less than £16,190 and you receive one of the following:

- ◆ Income support
- ◆ Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance (IBJSA)
- ◆ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- ◆ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ◆ Child Tax Credit and those whose annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed the income threshold set by the Treasury.
- ◆ The 'Guarantee' element of the State Pension Credit

NOTE: PARENTS RECEIVING WORKING TAX CREDIT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE

This information is accurate at the time of printing but is subject change as the Government makes policy amendments.

By completing the attached form and returning it to the school

Additional Benefits

Are you on benefits?

Is your annual income less than £16,190?

There are benefits that could apply even if your child doesn't have a hot meal or is under the age of 7 and qualifies for the new Universal Infant School Meal.

Could your child be tucking into a hot meal every day and make you savings of as much as £300 per year?

