

# Claim your free school meal...

I saved more than £350 and hours of time on making lunches

I get a tasty, nutritious meal for free every day

Our school gets £hundreds extra for every registered pupil



## ...and everyone's a winner!

To find out whether you qualify talk to your school about free school meals today.



Adapted by the Norfolk  
County Council Virtual School



# Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are entitled to receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

## Think of the time you'd save

You could save up to **190 hours** a year, which is the time needed to make packed lunches that meet the nutritional standards of school meals – that's just over a week!



## Savings for your family

You could save around **£350 per year** if your child qualifies for free school meals.



## Our school will receive extra funding

Our school receives **£hundreds in Pupil Premium** funding for every child registered for free school meals.



**For more information and to find out if you qualify...**

**Talk to your school about free school meals today!**



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND PUPIL PREMIUM APPLICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- 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 Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra (**£1,320** for your child's primary school)/(£900 for your child's secondary school), to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete this form and return to your child's school

### ABOUT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Child's Date of Birth			Name of School

## PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

	Parent/Guardian 1	Parent/Guardian 2
Last name		
First Name		
Date of Birth		
National Insurance Number*		
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number*	/ /	/ /
Daytime Telephone Number		
Mobile Number		
Address		
	Postcode:	Postcode:

\* Complete as appropriate

## FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on after work ends
- Universal Credit. – see below

### Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit**, is your net earned family income over £7,400 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box). Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does **not** include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

Yes  No  Unsure

**Child Tax Credit**

If you are in receipt of **Child Tax Credit**, is your joint gross annual income over £16,190 per year? (Please place an X in the appropriate box). Your joint gross income is your household income before taxes are taken into account.

Yes  No  Unsure

**DECLARATION**

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for Local Authority purposes. I agree to the Local Authority using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the Local Authority in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/guardian: .....

Date:.....

**Thank you for completing this form and helping to make sure your child's school is as well funded as possible.**

**How the information in this form will be used**

The information you provide in this form will be used by the council to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this is confirmed, this helps to decide how much money your child's school will receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to pupils in year 3 or above to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at their current school. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.

**Your completed form should be returned to the Headteacher or can be sent to Free School Meals, Norfolk County Council, Floor 8, County Hall, Norwich, NR1 2DL**